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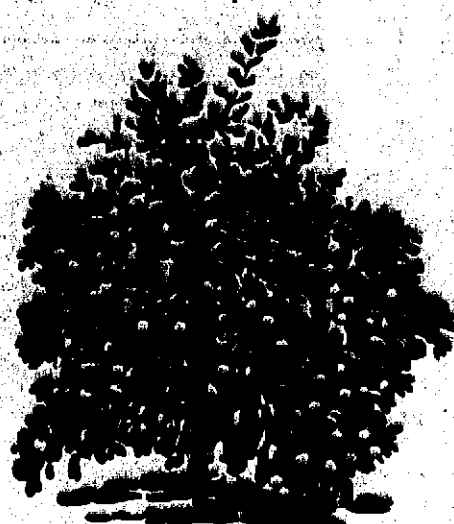
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HEAVY REALTY DEALS CLOSED

Senator Buller of Idaho and T. E. Finch Purchase Corners.

Fifteen thousand five hundred dollars was paid Thursday by Senator B. F. Buller of Idaho for a corner on Citrus avenue and College street, 71 feet on Citrus and 101 feet on E. College, the property of W. D. Ellis of San Dimas. Upon the property are two one-story brick store rooms and a bake shop. The store rooms are occupied by C. W. Potter as a hardware store and Franz Richter as a bicycle and general repair shop. The bakery is leased by Warner, Whitsel & Co. The buildings could probably be constructed for \$4500. This is the highest price that has yet been paid for a business corner in Covina. Even at this price it is a good investment for conservative real estate men predict that it will be worth 50 per cent more before another Christmas comes around. The sale was made by I. C. Fahey.

Another heavy transaction of Covina business corners was also consummated on Thursday when H. M. Houser sold to T. E. Finch, manager of the San Gabriel Valley Milling Company, the corner now occupied by F. H. Fabrick's hardware, immediately opposite the First National Bank. This property has a frontage 85.25 feet on Citrus avenue with 100 feet on W. College street. The price paid was \$8000.

Christmas Trees at the Various Churches.

Santa Claus was abroad in all the churches on Christmas eve, bestowing his gifts on all the good little boys and girls.

At the Christian church was a beautiful tree, gleaming with lights and heavily laden with all sorts of toys. Before the gifts were distributed to the children a program of recitations, music, and tableaux was rendered.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held their tree in the Womans Club house. The tree was beautiful and every little child of the Sunday school was well remembered with toys and candy. The children gave a good program.

The tree at the Methodist church was unusually pretty with its bright trimmings of tinsel and ropes of popcorn and pretty presents. The children of the Sunday school gave an excellent program, "What say the Bells" which consisted of Christmas carols and recitations. After the program the presents were distributed to the children.

Another pretty tree was seen at the Baptist church where the children of the Sunday school and their parents gathered to enjoy a splendid program of Christmas music and recitations.

Santa Claus found the little children of the Episcopal church in the Coleman store, where from a beautiful Christmas tree, gaily trimmed with popcorn and candy, he distributed his presents to the happy children of the Sunday school. Previous to the appearance of Santa Claus a short program of Christmas carols and recitations was given. Mr. Fletcher, pastor, presided.

GATHERING OF CAL. TEACHERS

A Splendid Institute. Full of Profit to the Teachers.

The county institute and the Southern California teachers' association which closed Dec. 21st, was undoubtedly the best one, from every point of view ever held in Los Angeles county.

One of the profitable as well as pleasant features of the institute was shorter sessions and fewer papers, this not tiring those in attendance and also not giving more than could be assimilated by the teachers.

It is not likely that an able corps of lecturers has ever been brought together in an association outside of the national association of teachers. Everyone of the nearly a score has a reputation in his special field. Among them were Dr. David S. Jordan, president of Stanford University; Dr. J. C. Brunner, vice-president of Stanford University; Dr. C. C. Coughlin of Stanford; Dr. Otterhout, Prof. Clapp and others from University of California; Dr. R. G. Boone, Editor of "Education", New York city; Dr. J. W. Cook, president of the Normal college, Normal, Ill.; and Supt. D. Miller of Iowa, the champion and foremost advocate of agriculture as a part of the school curriculum.

To bring such men to this association and to meet the other expenses means an outlay of over \$2500, \$800 of which is paid by the state. The remainder must come from the teachers' association.

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City Business

Due to Christmas falling on Tuesday this year, the regular meeting of the city trustees was held on Wednesday evening.

Several matters of importance were discussed and acted upon. The street superintendent was instructed to have the city streets cleaned, crossing the road at the intersection of Citrus avenue and Pacific street, extended in both sides thereby guarding against a repetition of the unfortunate accident which occurred at this point one dark night several weeks ago when a wagon containing five or six occupants was upset by the driver turning the corner too sharp.

Christmas Eve also reported that the Pacific Electric R. R. would put in a pulpit across Badillo street on the extreme east city limits to carry the storm water that flowed down Badillo street.

The city attorney was also instructed to draw an ordinance providing for the completion of all street improvements before the acceptance by the city of new subdivisions.

The council also decided to purchase some additional fire hose.

Card of Thanks.

To the public of Covina and vicinity:—We extend our thanks for liberal patronage and good will. In the future we shall strive to maintain the high standard of our goods and ask for a continuance of your liberal patronage. We wish you all a prosperous New Year. Yours to please, Palapa & Sons, Evans & Roth, Props.

The Trusts Don't Dictate

We are not in the laundry business. Why pay the exorbitant laundry double prices when you can get the same work with better service at about half the price? Apply to Laundry, phone 120. Wagon calls Monday delivers Wednesdays.

The Argus has for sale an excellent business building its owner a clear \$40 a week. \$1000 with buy 1. Parties who want business will be given every opportunity to make the fullest investigation. No trifling need.

Each member of the association would be expected to make a little sacrifice to give his dollar as a voluntary membership fee to maintain an association which gives him so much.

The county teachers' association pronounced this as the best convention they have ever attended and felt that they entered the school room again Jan. 2nd, 1907 with renewed inspiration to do even yet greater things. Supervising principal Orlina read a paper on the "The Basic Plan of Individual Instruction before the Council of Education on Friday morning of the association. The Council of Education is a regular division of the association.

After the close of the association the Covina teachers left for their several homes for the holidays. Miss Lomada, Miss Manning, Miss Griswold and Mr. Gladstone of the high school remaining in Covina. Miss Montgomery is spending the vacation with her parents at Berkeley. Miss Lloyd at Redlands. Miss Taylor at Alhambra. Miss Clapp at Buena Vista. Mrs. Miller, Misses Harrison, Miss Widney, Miss Blanche and Miss Williams are remaining in Covina for the holiday season. Miss Williams is visiting at her home in Pasadena. All will be again glad to meet their pupils at Wednesday, January 2nd, 1907.

Death of the Mother of W. B. Broadwell.

The death of Mrs. Catherine M. Broadwell occurred at her home in Ocean Park early Wednesday morning. The body was brought to Covina for burial. Mrs. Broadwell was the mother of Mr. W. B. Broadwell of the city. She was over eighty years of age and had been in poor health for a number of months, but her illness was not thought to be serious and her death was unexpected. The funeral services were held at Holy Trinity church on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Fletcher officiating. Beautiful floral offerings were sent by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Broadwell.

Excellent light bran at \$1.00 per sack, full 70 lb. weight, at the San Gabriel Valley Milling Co.

THE BOVINA ARGUS

J. L. MATTHEWS, Publisher

Covina, Los Angeles County, California

Among the "income" taxes that hurt the worst is the grocer's bill.

There are only four letters in love, but there are thousands of love letters.

A girl is pretty safe in marrying a young man whose mother can't cook.

With whalebone at \$15,000 a ton the anti-corset crusader enters the fray with renewed zest.

Sometimes the popularity of a fad depends upon the amount of foolishness there is back of it.

Yale university has raised the salaries of its professors. Some of them make almost as much now as a football player.

London reports the sale of an odontoglossum, crispum, platinum for \$5,760. They've gone up since we bought ours.

A private soldier stationed at Havana is to be court martialed for rhyming. Would that all the rhymsters were regulars.

A London man played the piano 48 hours consecutively, proving his physical endurance, his idiosyncrasy and the patience of his neighbors.

Some judge has gravely decided that chickens are hatched, not born. At least one of the differences between chickens and poets has now been made plain.

"Father's cigar" may be responsible for Johnny's coffin nail in frequent instances, but many a smokeless father is shocked by the discovery that he has a smoking son.

Perhaps that English professor who referred to "the joyless American face" had been making a study of the faces of some of our citizens as they are seen in their automobiling outfits.

Cleveland's Y. M. C. A. has decided that a multi-millionaire cannot be an honest man. Evidently the Cleveland Y. M. C. A. has no reason to expect large donations from H. H. Rogers.

One of Washington's body servants died at Alexandria, Va., a few days ago. It must have been a long and tedious job for Washington to call the roll of his body servants when that was necessary.

A multi-millionaire who has made a fortune in the United States this year will amount to more than \$5,000,000 barrels. But this fact doesn't afford much comfort to the consumer who inquires the price in the retail market.

The price of artificial diamonds is going up very rapidly. This is probably due to the fact that most of the society ladies now wear artificial diamonds and keep their real gems in safety deposit vaults. What will they do when the artificial gems become so valuable that it will not be safe to wear them?

Knowledge of human nature is shown in the recent order of the Post-office Department, that for minor derelictions of duty not serious enough to warrant discharge, fines shall be no longer imposed. Instead, the salaries of the less worthy employees will be decreased, and the reductions will be added to the salaries of the deserving. Of course serious offense brings discharge, as heretofore. The new system encourages good service and discourages service which is not good.

Scarless surgery is one of the latest achievements in medical science. The London surgeon who conceived the idea and successfully put it in practice is unable to meet the demands for his services. The idea is a simple one. In making the incision the scalpel does not cut the skin at right angles with the surface but passes through it at a slant. After the operation is over the skin is joined with the greatest nicety, a magnifying glass being used to see that the contact is perfect. Then a light dressing of wool and glass is applied to prevent infection and as much pressure is applied as is safe. Naturally much depends upon the skill of the operator. The surgeon who perfected the process devotes himself entirely to making incisions in the skin and treating them afterward, leaving the operations proper to others.

There is some extenuation for Fourth of July riot because it is, nominally at least, in celebration of a patriotic anniversary. It is, too, only incidentally destructive. It is not essentially vicious. So much cannot be said of the Halloween lawlessness, which is increasing in volume and recklessness yearly. There was a time when Halloween pranks were confined to the ringing of doorbells, the operation of "tick-tacks" and the occasional carrying off of a gate or some other portable object. The modern celebrators have got far past that stage of diversion. They deliberately destroy property in some instances and in others they deliberately steal it. The "celebration," in other words, has become a combination of malicious mischief and larceny. There is no longer any pretense of prankishness about it. The situation, of course, arises from the

fact—variable in such matters—that a certain degree of Halloween license is permitted in deference to tradition and custom. This license is seized upon by the vicious and lawless as an excuse for their operations. The result is seen in wholesale damage to property and in serious losses by theft. It is probably too much to expect any reform in the matter, since the excuse that Halloween, like Christmas, comes but once a year will be deemed sufficient answer to the complaints of those who have had their property destroyed or stolen. It may be said, nevertheless, that if it became known that the law against malicious mischief and larceny would be enforced on Halloween as on all other nights of the year, there would be a stop to the annoyances and outrages which many people now suffer. It is simply a question of executing the laws.

Possibly in order to correct an impression fostered by explosive orators and public speakers, and emphasized by occasional developments, Alfred Vanderbilt has ventured to speak in defense of the conjugal harmony of men of large wealth. Himself a multi-millionaire, he has the courage to assume that rich men love their families quite as well as poor men, and that the emotions of love, and constancy, and devotion are not necessarily completely suppressed because a man has had the fortune to add to his income and accumulate wealth beyond that of the average citizen. The special point of his argument is that only the people of wealth and distinction are singled out for opprobrium or ridicule when the marriage bells are a little out of tune. Nobody cares how often or how violently Mr. and Mrs. Pauper quarrel or how quickly they betake themselves to the divorce court, but let the slightest cloud appear in the matrimonial sky of Mr. and Mrs. Dives and the whole country is profoundly agitated. All the details of the dreadful affair are eagerly sought, and many are the improving morals deduced in eloquent discourses from the pulpit or at the bedside. The habit of generalizing from specific instances is not a safe one. All millionaires do not divorce their loyal wives to marry chorus girls, and all women of wealth do not suspect their husbands of losing every tie of family love and obligation. Even in Pittsburgh great riches are not synonymous with marital infidelity, and the proportion of rich men who quarrel noisily with their wives and finally divorce them is extremely small. It is undoubtedly true that the married life of the rich is spiced with differences of opinion, but it is probably equally true that the proportion of divorces is much larger among the poorer than among the wealthier classes, though the truth is that the poorer may be nothing more than a poor devil.

It was not necessary that Mr. Vanderbilt should explain the human and praiseworthy emotions of the rich or try to demonstrate that they are controlled by passions which govern those in less opulent circumstances. But it was natural enough, perhaps, that he should feel the injustice of the arraignment of all millionaires as enemies to marriage propriety and that he should speak as a representative of the class so arraigned.

DAYLIGHT AHEAD.

Latest Stage in the Evolution of the Electric Light.

Fireflies are still in advance of mankind in the matter of economical light producing. The phosphorescent glow which they give off is nearly pure light, says the Independent. Very little of the energy is wasted in heat, while in the case of the lighting devised by man more power is used up in producing heat, which is usually not wanted, than is converted into visible light.

The nearest we have yet come to following the fireflies is the mercury vapor light developed by American inventors, which, in the form of long, glowing tubes, has been seen in our shop windows as advertisements for two years or more.

They produce more light at less cost than any other practical method of illumination and would be extensively used if it were not for the color of the light. It contains no red rays, but is strongest in the violet end of the spectrum, extending far beyond the limits of visibility in that direction and including an abundance of rays that we can photograph, but cannot see.

This mercury glow light has made the "while you wait photography" or the pleasure parks a possibility, but it is too ghastly for common use. It would turn a parlor into a morgue or a source room.

But recently it is reported that German chemists have overcome this difficulty by putting into the electrodes other metals besides mercury, thus changing the character of the light and making it approach the light of common day.

Zinc with 10 per cent of bismuth and a trace of sodium is used for this purpose. If this proves practical we shall have our houses cheaply lighted by softly glowing tubes arranged in all sorts of artistic designs on the walls and ceilings instead of one or more points of light too bright to look at directly.

She Knew Them.

Miss Dabney—She was bragging about how successful her dinner party was. She said it would put "with great eclat." "What's 'eclat,' anyway?"

Miss Magley—Why, I guess that was the dessert. Didn't you never eat a chocolate eclat?—Philadelphia Press.

A farmer can find more uses for a piece of baling wire than the average woman finds for a hairpin.

HONOR FOR AN AMERICAN.

China Selects One to Represent it at The Hague Tribunal.

The Chinese Government has appointed John W. Foster, formerly Secretary of State, as its delegate to the next international conference at The Hague. The Chinese Government is deeply interested in the proceedings of the next conference because it will consider many important questions suggested by the war between Russia and Japan, which was fought Chinese territory. It is expected that the tribunal, representing all the civilized nations of the world, will adopt some kind of a code to govern similar situations in the future, to define the rights and limit the authority of belligerents who occupy neutral ground. It will doubtless determine also to what extent such belligerents can use neutrals within their lines, and to what extent neutrals can assist the belligerents. A new definition of neutrality is very much needed, and there is an imperative necessity for an international law protecting the non-contraband property of neutrals during war.

Mr. Foster has been counsel of the Chinese legation in Washington for twenty years, except during several intervals when he was Secretary of State under the Harrison administration or has been engaged in diplomatic negotiations in behalf of his own government. He was the adviser of the Chinese commissioners in their negotiations for peace after the war with Japan in 1895, and his services were so satisfactory to both sides that he was afterward entertained and honored at Tokyo by the Japanese quite as much as by the Chinese at Peking. Shortly after, and several times since, the Chinese Government has invited him to go to Peking as its official adviser and has offered him a most tempting salary as his remuneration. It is the conviction of the diplomatic colony in China that if Mr. Foster had accepted the invitation of the Emperor in 1906 the Boxer troubles would have been prevented and the war between Russia and Japan would never have occurred. That war was the direct result of the intervention of Russia in the affairs and relations of China and Japan. This would never have happened, nor would the Boxer outbreak have occurred, if there had been a strong and wise man at the head of the foreign department at Peking.

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Dropsy.—Take one ounce of burnt copperas, one ounce of aloes, half an ounce of cream of tartar, beat fine, mix and place in two grain capsules. Begin with one capsule and increase one each morning until the ninth day, then rest nine days and begin with one as at first, go through nine more and rest nine again; repeat the third nine days and the patient should be well. Live on crackers and molasses and sweet milk, half water. Eat no meat and do not drink coffee.

Eczema.—Ichthyol is probably more useful than anything else in lessening the irritation from eczema. It is a preparation obtained from certain varieties of fossilized shale occurring in the Tyrolean Alps. It has a characteristic bituminous odor and taste. Let it be understood, however, that any outward application of this kind is but a temporary alleviation of the ailment. To cure, the cause must be removed, which in ninety-nine times out of a hundred, will be found in errors of diet—eating too often, too much and of improper or overstimulating food. It is a great wonder more people are not afflicted with eczema, for we are certainly a gluttonous people as we live at present.

Epilepsy.—The latest treatment for this dreadful complaint is the fluid extract of horse-nettle, botanically the solanum carolinense. For an adult give a half teaspoonful in water every three hours and increase the dose up to four teaspoonfuls. When the patient shows improvement reduce the dose to two a day, night and morning. Children can be given from ten to twenty drops. Physicians using this drug should begin with the small dose and give it in mild cases until the patient has a feeling of drowsiness after each dose. In chronic cases that are considered bad the physician should push the drug until it produces symptoms of vertigo after each dose and then stop and hold the case at this point, then begin to gradually reduce the dose until only a few drops are given.

Faze Play.

Conductor (to woman with baby).—Tickets, madam.

Woman—I ain't not no tick. I'm traveling with the baby.

Conductor—You have to pay or get off.

Woman—How much fr th' baby?

Conductor—Nothing for the baby.

Woman—That's what I thought.

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Editorials

Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

THE HONOR OF THE UNIFORM.

On several occasions soldiers and sailors of the United States have been excluded from public places for no other apparent reason than that they were in uniform. In several cases the War Department or the Navy Department has come to the support of the offended soldier or sailor.

In one instance a warrant officer could not get accommodations in a hotel. The Secretary of the Navy took the matter up, and the hotel-keeper was censured. A more recent case is that of a sailor to whom was refused admittance to a place of amusement, "solely on account of being in the uniform of the United States navy." He brought suit against the proprietor. Rear-Admiral Thomas encouraged the suit, and the President approved it in a published letter. The President said that he wished to make it plain that the uniform of the United States is to be respected, and that the wearing of it is a presumption in favor of the character of the wearer.

The President also suggested the other side of the matter when he said, "If a man misbehaves, then, no matter what uniform he wears, he should be dealt with accordingly." There is a duty upon every citizen to respect the uniform, and there is also a duty on every man in the service to maintain the dignity of the service. It may happen that in towns frequented by sailors or soldiers the act of some man in uniform disgraces his suit of honor. The next man who appears wearing the same sign of honor suffers for the sin of his fellow.

The President is surely right in saying that our enlisted men are a fine class, and that the wearer of the uniform is entitled to respect "so long as he behaves himself decently." There is a double responsibility on every one in the service to behave as becomes a man, for his own sake and for the sake of the sign he bears.—Youth's Companion.

WIFE DESERTERS AND THEIR GOOD EXCUSE.

WIFE desertion is a serious offense and it is increasing in Chicago at a tremendous rate. There are thousands of deserted wives in this city to-day who are barely able to keep themselves and their children from starving, and their number is being added to every week.

In many cases, of course, the husband only is at fault. Hasty marriages, weak characters, laziness and brutality are all to blame and when they are proved to be responsible the wife deserter should be sent to the penitentiary for a lesson to other men. If there were any way to set him to work to support his family that would be still better.

But four hundred women who last year appealed to the Bureau of Charities confessed that they could not cook or keep house. In their cases there is something to be said on the side of the husbands, however weak they may be.

And devotion if she is unable to keep her husband's house or provide him his food and drink? These four hundred women may have been as attractive to the men they married as a pretty girl in his harem is to a Turk, but no man can long pursue the delights of love-making on an empty stomach. Sooner or later his interest will fade and he will go out to look for something to soothe his hunger.

If these four hundred marriages should come up for

DEATH-DEALING RAILROAD.

Chinese Line Proves Fatal to Many Who Build It.

A recent report concerning railways in China says, according to the New York Herald: "The construction of the railway between Loeki and Yunnanfu (the great enterprise to which all well wishers of Yunnan look forward as one of the means of permitting this province to take her proper place in the markets of the world) has been perseveringly pushed forward in the face of great difficulties, both climatic and economic. The vile climate of the Namai valley has levied a heavy toll on those who have dared to open up its primeval jungles and gullies. The death rate among the coolies imported from various parts of the empire and put to work in this dreaded valley may, without exaggeration, be estimated at 5,000, or 70 per cent of the total number employed on that particular section of the line. The company has made praiseworthy efforts to counteract the evils of the climate in this valley.

"Instead of attempting to carry on the work in the Namai valley all the year through, the work is suspended almost entirely during the summer rains, and the coolies are moved up to the works on the high and healthier plateau. This measure, while it economizes the life of that most important individual in the building of any railway—namely, the coolie—greatly and unduly delays the completion of the line, and we must, therefore, wait until 1910 at least for that great desideratum, the linking up of Yunnanfu with Hailongphong.

"The year under review marks an important epoch in the history of French railway enterprise in Indo-China. On Christmas day the first locomotive reached Loeki, on the Tonkin-Yunnan border, and it is hoped that the coming spring will see the commencement of a through railway service between Hailongphong and Loeki."

Bettered Himself.

Nelly—The last time I saw Miss Kately she had a job as collector, running down old accounts for a wealthy manufacturer.

Belle—She's got a better job now running up new accounts at all the stores. She married her employer.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"I have been abused so much by my neighbors," said a millionaire to-day, "that I am tempted to slap my own face."

Every man prices himself too high.

adjustment before a jury the wandering husbands would no doubt be exonerated and sympathized with, no matter what their own faults might prove to be. The first essential to happy and successful marriage is a wife that knows how to cook and to keep house. Without it there can be no home.—Chicago Journal.

CHURCH OR CIRCUS?

THE trustees of a large church in Chicago have requested the resignation of the pastor because he is too old to be of further use. He is sixty years old. Furthermore, they say: "What we need is a hustling business man who can raise money and a man who can preach sermons that will attract a man not afraid of notoriety."

The conception of the church held by these trustees is the conception of too many churchmen—that of material prosperity, influence and power in the community. In the carrying out of this idea many churches have entered the contest for expensive plants, artistic music and sensational preaching. They require a pastor who has business capacity, social leadership, who is capable of making an impression.

In all this miserable program there is not one idea or iota of real Christianity. If the church is anything more than an ethic society it is a divine institution, which is set for the cultivation of spiritual life. All else is incidental to the main purpose—the engaging and saving of the souls of men.

It is well enough to have expensive churches—if they reach the people and minister to their spirits. And music—if it does not degenerate into mere entertainment. And good preaching—if it is gospel. But the church that is looking for a combined orator, social leader, canvassing agent and financier to be its pastor—regardless of the depth and sweetness of his spirituality—ought to go out of the church business and go into the show business.—Indianapolis Sun.

DON'T WORRY.

VERY man, it has been said, is either a fool or a physician at 40. Some people manage to be both. Among these Dr. A. T. Schofield, who lectured on the preservation of health at Gresham College, is certainly not to be counted. Dr. Schofield lifted up his voice in what we cannot but think a necessary protest against the amount of encouragement given nowadays to people whose main interest in life is their own health. In the course of his remarks Dr. Schofield, while strongly insisting that our national life is not as healthy as it ought to be, argued to the effect, unless we misinterpret him, that a perpetual worrying about individual health is as unhealthy as most of the morbid agencies that surround us. We incline to think that our health ought to be treated on the same principle as our clothes, which we should not think about very much until they are torn and put on new.

Dr. Schofield's profession, there is only one way of keeping in perfect physical condition all one's life, and that is to work at bodily tasks in the open air every day, and never think at all. As to that we say what Chaucer said to St. Augustine's somewhat similar advice: "Let Austin have his swink to him reserved." Most of us prefer to keep on with the great voyage of discovery that we call civilization.—London Daily News.

A LITTLE LESSON IN ADVERSITY.



VOLTAIRE.

There may be differences of opinion concerning the philosophy preached by Voltaire, but there can exist none concerning the influence that the man exerted upon his own generation and succeeding ones. His personality was peculiar. He was embittered and cynical, yet there was an intensity, a magnetism about him that would win for him a hearing where men of more agreeable natures utterly failed.

Voltaire reached summits that no philosopher of his time even aspired to attain to. It was an age where friendship of royalty and the patronage of nobility counted for everything in the line of material success. Voltaire, without fawning; in fact, on the contrary, openly disregarding this class, was nevertheless treated by them with most remarkable consideration.

The great Frederick of Prussia sent for Voltaire to come from France to be his guest, and treated him with the consideration he would have extended to royal guests.

And yet while Voltaire had reached this high position, his youth had been one of constant trial. He had tried almost every occupation and had failed most miserably at every one he tried.

After each failure he began again with undaunted courage. Even his imprisonment did not deter him. He started life anew after his years in the Bastille with an assurance worthy of its reward.

Strong Denial.

New Minister—I am glad you enjoy your trip. Foreign travel always broadens one so.

Mrs. Crump (portly)—Why, Mr. S. lup; how can you say that? I don't weigh an ounce heavier than I did when I started.—Toledo Blade.

A savage dog is the wayward cross of the hungry hobo.

PALACE NOW A CONVENT.

Wealthy Woman Renounces Society and Will Live with Nuns.

Having decided her life was a disappointment, Mrs. Alice O'Day, a wealthy Missouri woman, has turned her elegant country mansion near Springfield into a convent and proposes to spend the remainder of her life as a guest of the twenty-four black-robed nuns, who now own the \$250,000 estate. Mrs. O'Day, who has been twice married, says that no man shall ever enter her life again. She says she expects to find peace of mind in the solemn round of religious duties in which she will take part to some extent. Having been once divorced, she cannot be a nun, but is allowed to reside with them as the foundress of a colony.

Her gift is indeed a princely one. The magnificent residence, which not many months ago echoed with the gaiety of balls and encores, is in the midst of a 20-acre park. It was called



THE O'DAY MANSION.

"Elindale," suggesting the haunt of mischievous sprites. Now it is "St. de Chantal Monastery of the Visitation." The nuns conduct a school for girls, and the building is to be used exclusively for this after Mrs. O'Day builds them a new convent, which she has promised to do.

Mrs. O'Day was Mrs. Alice Williams, of St. Louis, when she married a wealthy railroad magnate. Six years ago she had a violent quarrel with him, following which she secured a divorce and a heavy alimony settlement.

Unchanged.

After making a tour of the town a local beggar arrayed himself in the garments that had been given him.

His toilet made, he looked at his reflection in the pool in the wood and shook his head.

"Here I am," he said to his companion, who was donning his cast-off clothes, "wearing the boots of a bank president, the trousers of a shop-keeper, the shirt and coat and vest of a doctor, and a minister's hat. Yet in spite of all I look like a tramp!"

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MARK TWAIN'S HARD FATE.

Stories reflecting on the life of the great author, Mark Twain, are being told in the North American Review. One thing seemed to follow him in his later years, and that was the sight of four or five young women on horseback, each followed at a respectful distance by a groom.

"Those fellows must be a bashful lot," said the man from Arizona, contemptuously, as a fifth young woman passed by, her attendant groom well in the rear. "I don't blame the girls for not throwing 'em so much as a look over the shoulder. I wouldn't in their place."

"There goes another couple with as much as eight rods between," he added, after a moment's silence. "I tell you, they ought to see the way we do it out in Arizona. We may be behind in some things, but I never saw a fellow out there that hadn't got spunk enough to ride up abreast of his girl when he'd had grit to invite her out."

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"Nevertheless," he said gayly, "India for me first, last and all the time. On the money you and your family are paying at this hotel do you know how you would live in India?"

He lighted a cigarette and resumed: "You would like in a beautiful house set in a lovely garden, with a list of servants that would include a khamseh, or butler; a khilmitgar, or table servant; a chokra, or page; a musalchee, or light bearer; a mug, or cook; two syces, or grooms; a bheestee, or water carrier; a sanlah, or house cooly; a mollie, or gardener; a dhobie, or washerman; a durzee, or private tailor; an ayah, or nurse; a sirdah, or valet; a turash beegar, or lamp man; three punkah coolies to work the fans; a durman, or lodge porter; a jamadar, or footman, and several chuprassies, or messengers."

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Violin Village.

There is a little town named Markneukirchen, in Saxony, where nearly every inhabitant is engaged in the manufacture of violins.

"My Spanish isn't the best in the world, I know, but I should think a man would know how to talk at least. The fellow just talking to me over the phone couldn't talk enough Spanish to order a meal, and to save me I couldn't make him understand, although I know I used correct language. While he was talking an American rushed into the hotel and up to the desk. 'Say,' he said, 'can't anyone here talk English. I just tried to telephone here and the idiot trying to talk Spanish over the phone knows mighty little about the language.'"

"I was talking to you," said the clerk. When apologies were made the conversation continued in English.—Mexican Herald.

The Corporal's Logic.

"Such reasoning," said General F. D. Grant, in a military argument, "reminds me of the reasoning of old Corporal Sandhurst. 'Corporal Sandhurst was one day drilling a batch of raw recruits. 'Why is it,' he said, to a bright-looking chap, 'that the blade of your sabre is curved instead of straight?' 'The blade is curved,' the recruit answered, 'in order to give more force to the blow.' 'Nonsense,' said the corporal. 'The blade is curved to fit the scabbard. If it was straight, how would you get it into the curved scabbard, you idiot?'"—Washington Star.

Confirming the Popular Impression.

"Minde," said the young man, whose heart was thumping violently. "do you know that everybody—er—says—says—that we—we are engaged?" "I suppose, Harold," she answered, "everybody thinks that—that we ought to be by this time." After that it wasn't long until everybody knew it.

Vela Regret.

"But, Bertie," said his mother, "you asked for two cakes and I gave them to you. Aren't you satisfied?" "No, I ain't," growled Bertie. "You was so easy I'm kickin' myself 'cause I didn't ask for four."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Seeing Beneath the Surface.

"But can you explain why the strikers refrained from doing you any injury?" asked the report. "At that moment," replied the striker, "as he glanced furtively about, 'they discovered that I was wearing a union suit.'—Lippincott's Magazine.

O, Ye Tens!

The president of one of the well-known colleges tells this story of one of his professors of chemistry.

"You might save yourself the trouble of that, my dear; your tears have absolutely no effect upon me. Why should they, being nothing but common water with a very small percentage of phosphorus salts and a trace of chloride of sodium?"—Harper's Weekly.

Two Birds with One Stone.

"Is Dr. J. Millington Thompson, the throat specialist, in the audience?" asked one of the ushers, just after the curtain had gone down on the second act. "Yes," answered a little man in the fourth row, rising to his feet. "Your house is on fire," said the usher. "I suppose I'll have to go and see about it," said Dr. Thompson, "but I have no usefulness about the house. It's insured by the Quakery Fire and Tornado Indemnity Company, the best in the country."

High Position.

Kind Lady—Now that you have been looking so long, why don't you get down to work? Gritty George—I can't get down to work, mum. Kind Lady—Why not? Gritty George—Because I will have to get up to work, I am a steeple climber.

Unnearly Recognized.

"Now, my friends," said the candidate, making another effort to raise the enthusiasm of his hearers, "what do we need in order to carry this county by the biggest majority in its history?" "The response was immediate and enthusiastic. 'Another candidate!' yelled the audience as one man.

Unkneed.

Church—A man recently paid \$30,000 for a seat in the New York Stock Exchange. Gotham—And did he get it? "O, yes, he got it." "That's all right, then. I'll bet I've paid more than that in my lifetime for seats in the street cars that I never got."—Yonkers Statesman.

One Good Feature of the Cuisine.

"There is one thing about your hotel table that is not surpassed, even at the most palatial London hotel." "And what is that, sir?" asked the landlord, eagerly. "The salt!"—Modern Society.

Gibson's Definition of "Lady."

"I dined with Charles Dana Gibson at Prince's restaurant in London during the season," said a Chicagoan to a friend.

"The lofty, spacious dining-room filled with women in pale gowns, their hair uncovered and their arms necks bare, and though these women were fashionable and aristocratic, they watched the bioscope pictures went on at one end of the long room and as they listened to the singing went on at the other.

"Amid all this feminine smoking Americans began to discuss and to fine the word 'lady.' Was it lady to smoke? we asked. Would a lady ever smoke? What was a lady? "I think Mr. Gibson's definition of lady was the best that was given. 'A lady,' he said, ignoring the smoking question altogether, 'is a woman who always remembers others and never forgets herself.'"

Dog, Not Dogmas.

A Baltimore man tells of attending a church on one occasion when the minister delivered a sermon of but ten minutes' duration—a most unusual thing for him.

Upon the conclusion of his remarks the minister had added: "I regret to inform you, brethren, that my dog, who appears to be peculiarly fond of pup this morning ate that portion of my sermon that I have not delivered."

Give Me the Advantage—Jug D.

A certain Providence tailor is in the habit of alluring student trade by information that "John D., Jr.," would have his person draped at the particular establishment. This word of the shears never wears of telling the characteristics of his richest patron. It seems that besides sharing with other well known men the reputation of being a stickler for extreme punctuality, the young Rockefeller practiced great frugality. He never bought goods that were expensive or very cheap, but would select material with a view only to its durability.

Hoss-Auss and Other Tunes.

She—Do you play on the piano? He—Occasionally. I am a fireman.—Boston Transcript.

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Our New Year's Greeting.

The year 1906 has been one of general prosperity all over the United States, and particularly in Southern California. There have been few failures in business and none serious in any part of the state. Crops have been larger than for years and higher prices have prevailed. Country and towns alike have improved. Between here and Los Angeles new buildings can be seen on every side from the car windows, as you ride through the valley. Schemes for the development, storage and distribution of water have been formed by men of enterprise and ample means. Much new land is being brought under cultivation. Land has appreciated in value in both country and town with hardly an exception. This valley is full of people enjoying our sunny, sunny days, and many are favorably disposed to make their home with us. Covina has never been so prosperous. Several new business houses have been added to our town, and trade has steadily increased, so we have every reason to welcome the New Year as one that promises more than the good year of 1906. The Argus hopes that all have enjoyed a merry Christmas and wishes all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Turning a New Leaf.

Twelve months again have rolled around.

The time has come, in brief,

When change like me are duty bound

So, meditating thus, I find

'Tis needful that I stop

And designate within my mind

What habits I shall stop.

I will not "knock"—Let's see—I did tell that gentleman from Nebraska, who was looking at Mr. —'s place with a view of purchasing, that it was poor soil, that I knew of several better places for sale, that the price was too high, etc. Now what's the use? I know there is not a poor piece of property in, or about, Covina; not one transfer, in the last ten years, wherein the owner did not make a profit, then why "knock" my neighbor?

"I will not say the streets are in very bad shape."—Full of chuck holes? I guess the chuck holes have been filled up. I didn't notice any yesterday when riding about the city and after a trip about the country I find our roads in better condition than most other cities where four times the money has been appropriated for street improvement. There are more chuck holes in one of the main streets of a neighboring city than I could find in our whole corporate limits.

"I will stop grumbling about no benefits from incorporation."—There is one benefit that overshadows all the others. A fine public library building and the site, worth \$15,000. How could that have been obtained without incorporation? What would we do with it should we disincorporate?

"Blind Pig."—Yes, but when a blind pig is wanted (that will stand in court) to close them, those that have taken the most shot up like albatross.

"I will not cultivate to the middle of the street."—I have just found out that fifteen feet front of my ranch belongs to the county road and my friend, just inside the city limits, has twelve feet of the city's property in his yard. How can we have good streets when those conditions prevail?

I will clean the weeds from my own property and not criticize my neighbor for not doing the same.

I will not throw waste paper in the streets.

I will not throw tin cans, ashes and garbage in the alleys, but have boxes for that purpose, so they can be carried away.

I will lend a hand to remedy faults and stop abusing those that are trying to do something.

I will just stop "knocking."

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Society

Mrs. Belle Harris was the hostess at a delightful Christmas dinner at the Vandome when she had as her guests Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Harris, Miss Frances E. Hill of Ventura, Mrs. Bessie M. Hopkins, and Miss Bessie Hopkins of Los Angeles, Mr. Harry Nell, Clifford Niel and C. H. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Collins are entertaining a merry home party over the holidays at their home on Badillo street. As Mrs. Collins is always an entertaining, a good time is in store for all her guests. Those who are enjoying this delightful hospitality are Miss Collins of Monrovia, a sister of Mr. Collins, Miss Graves of Claremont College, Mr. Philo Graves of Los Angeles and Mr. Frank Hunka, a cousin of Mr. Collins from Riverside.

One of the prettiest affairs of the holiday time was the beautifully appointed dinner on Tuesday when Mrs. Dana C. King graciously entertained a few of her out of town friends. The table was most effective in its pretty decoration of holly and ferns. In the center stood a bright little Christmas tree resting on an exquisite place center piece, around which was a wreath of red berries mingling with sprays of delicate ferns. The place cards were dainty water color sketches of Santa Claus. Mr. and Mrs. King's guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Powell, Miss Edith Powell, Mr. Arthur Powell and little Master Powell.

Gleaming lights and holly berries glowed a welcome at the charming holiday dinner given in the Woman's Club House on Saturday evening by the Cotillion club. The members of this club are delightful entertainers and the party was one of the pleasantest affairs they have given this season. The large hall was simply but prettily decorated in sprays of the Christmas holly, and the young women in their lovely evening gowns added brilliancy to the scene. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris received the guests at the door, presenting to each as they entered a glass of champagne. About thirty couples, a number of them being out of town guests, enjoyed the club's hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanton will entertain at a family dinner Sunday, Dec. 30. The invited guests are: Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Sanders of Irwindale, R. D. Sanders and wife, W. C. Sanders and family of San Dimas, I. S. Sanders and family of Redlands, J. C. Sanders of Blue Mound, Kan., E. D. Sanders and family of Irwindale, G. M. Sanders and wife of Pomona, Mrs. M. M. Sanders and family of Corona, Joe Amon and family, Harry Amon and wife of Los Angeles, Miss Hannah Amon of Monrovia, W. C. Tynes and family of Anaheim, Lee Tynes, Charles Tynes and family of Imperial, J. W. Sanders, Sam Galloway, Marion Harris and wife, C. H. Stanton and children, P. E. Stanton and family, Ira Stanton, Minter Stanton, Miss Irlie Stanton, H. F. Wilhite and wife of Lordsburg, L. D. Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Prather, Miss Daisy Ross of Oakwood, Kan.

A simple but very pretty wedding took place on Christmas day at high noon when Miss Minta Bashor was united in marriage to Mr. Chester Smith, at the home of her parents on Workman avenue, the Rev. Mr. Gage, pastor of the Baptist church officiating, the pretty ring service being used. The house was charmingly decorated, the parlor where the ceremony was performed being in white and green. The bride who is one of Covina's prettiest society girls looked very beautiful in her wedding gown of white silk delicately trimmed in soft white lace. She carried a shower of white carnations and maiden hair ferns. The couple were unattended. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Smith led the way to the dining room where a beautifully appointed luncheon was served. The decorations here were in red and green for the Christmas season, red carnations and holly mingled with ferns and smilax made the room most effective. Immediately after luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Smith departed in an automobile for Hollywood, their future home.

The bride looked extremely pretty in her going away gown of soft gray plaid, with a becoming hat to match. Only relatives and the most intimate friends of the young couple were present at the wedding.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hemstead, near Charter Oak, was the scene of a brilliant wedding on Christmas day, when their pretty daughter, Miss Alice, became the bride of Mr. Arthur F. Spooner of Los Angeles. The house had been converted into a fairyland of blossoms and foliage, Christmas holly being used in profusion in all the rooms. The large windows in the living room where the ceremony took place were banked with choice white carnations and orange blossoms, forming a beautiful setting for the young couple while the Rev. Mr. Seaman read the impressive marriage service. As Miss Katherine Spooner, a sister of the groom, played the bridal march from Lohengrin the bridal party entered the room. Little Eleanor Gray Curtis, a niece of the bride, led the way, most daintily dressed and bearing the wedding ring. The bride, who is an exceedingly handsome girl, followed, looking beautiful in an exquisite gown of white organdy and Valenciennes lace. On her hair she wore a coronet of orange blossoms and carried a shower of brides roses and maiden hair ferns. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Spooner led the way to the spacious dining room where a buffet luncheon was enjoyed by about thirty relatives and intimate friends of the young couple. The wedding gifts were numerous and costly and will entirely furnish the attractive home which Mr. Spooner has prepared on Santee street, Los Angeles, for his bride. Mrs. Spooner has but recently come to the country from Los Angeles, but by her sweet ways and charming personality has won many friends who are sorry to see her make her home elsewhere. Mr. Spooner is very prominent in business circles in Los Angeles and is popular socially. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Spooner left amid a shower of rice and good wishes for their new home in Los Angeles.

The Christmas season was emphasized in all the decorations at the pretty wedding of Miss Laura Freeman and Mr. Arthur Martin, which occurred on Monday at noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Van Vleet on Cottage Drive. From doorways and chandeliers hung pretty red holly berries caught with bows of scarlet ribbon, while glossy green leaves and clusters of pure white roses were artistically arranged about the rooms. In one corner of the parlor fernlike pepper leaves formed a graceful canopy for the bride couple, while the impressive ceremony was read by the Rev. Mr. Fletcher of the Episcopal Church. Miss Maude Doughty played the beautiful "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin as the couple entered the room and took their places before the minister. Mr. Van Vleet gave the bride into the groom's keeping. There were no attendants. The bride never looked so pretty as in her wedding gown of soft white silk mull trimmed elaborately in real lace, and carrying a shower bouquet of white carnations and maidenhair ferns. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Martin left on the afternoon train for their future home in Fallbrook. Mrs. Martin wore a pretty going away gown of light gray silk with a long coat to match and a large black picture hat. The out of town guests were Mrs. Martin and Miss Emily Martin of Fallbrook, mother and sister of the groom, Mrs. Mugg of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crabb of Pomona.

The Christmas Masquerade which Messrs. Fairly, Stevens, Middough and Sturgill gave in Coolman Hall on Tuesday night was a decided social success, but the fact that the party was on Christmas night evidently caused many to remain away who usually attend these dances. The floor was in perfect condition, while the Schenman-Blaugher orchestra furnished excellent music. A number of pretty and original costumes were worn. The sailor girl and boy attracted considerable attention from the spectators, while the clowns kept the dancers in constant good humor. At ten o'clock the masks were removed. Miss Zetta Crouse won the prize for the best dancer, and Mr. Chester Fairly was awarded the prize for the most original costume.

Mrs. H. M. Houser entertained with a jolly Christmas dinner Tuesday when she had as her guests, Mrs. M. Herskovits and daughters, the Misses Margaret, Gazella and Irene, of Los Angeles.

Miss Emma Overholzer entertained a number of friends on Christmas day. Her guests were: Mrs. Minnie Everett and little daughter Helen, of Chicago, Miss Christian Payson and Mr. Menro Mohler of Los Angeles. On Thursday and Friday Mr. L. L. Breckenrider of Los Angeles was also her guest.

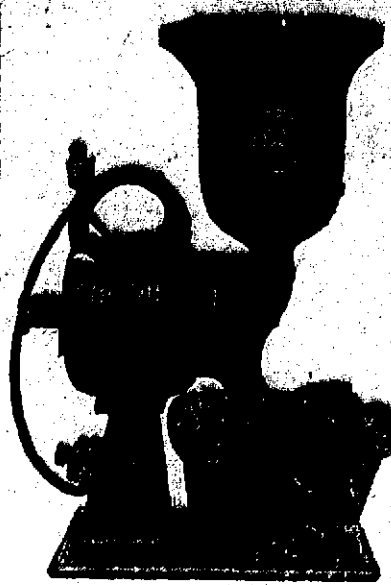
One of the delightful Christmas dinners given Tuesday was the one at which Mrs. P. C. Bashore was hostess at her hospitable home on Double avenue. Mrs. Bashore's guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Overholzer, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Overholzer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Howe of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. James Perry.

Mrs. I. I. Cook entertained with a charming dinner party at the Vandome on Christmas day, her guests being Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Clapp, Mrs. H. M. Faulder, Mrs. H. F. Cook, Miss Mary Cook, Miss Kirk, Miss Vyvienne Faulder, Miss Abbie Cook, Miss Hastings and Mr. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Griswold entertained with a jolly old fashioned Christmas tree on Monday evening, the honoree being a little nephew of Mrs. Griswold from Long Beach who is spending his holidays with her. The tree was a glow with Christmas tapers and laden with all sorts of gifts for a small boy, and even some for grown up folks too. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold's guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson of Long Beach, Mrs. L. M. Wilson of San Gabriel and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Griswold.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins entertained at a merry little dinner on Christmas day when they had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Collins of Rivera. The color scheme of red and green was carried out in the table decorations, bright red berries and green ferns being beautifully arranged in a wreath in the center of which stood a gay little Christmas tree, and at each place a dainty namcard in red and green lay. After dinner Mr. and Mrs. Collins and their guests enjoyed an automobile ride in the country.

Mrs. Sherwood was the hostess at a Christmas tree at her home on Monday afternoon for little people. The tree was exceptionally pretty in its gay trimmings and laden as it was with toys and candy for all the little boys and girls. After the guests had disappeared the children were taken to the home of Mrs. Ross Clark where they were served with tea and spent the rest of the happy afternoon in playing games.



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A. C. Ouster of Berkeley arrived unexpectedly on Monday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Company.

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Mrs. A. R. Evans has returned from Long Beach where she has been a month as the guest of friends.

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Fresh oysters, 20c a dozen at Crenshaw's, every Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White and children spent Christmas with Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. John Osborn of Whittier.

L. L. Rakeita and family, Mrs. E. H. Lanna and Miss Bertha Lanna spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rakeita in Pomona.

For Sale:—150 Homer pigeons, cheap to party taking all of them. Miss Beville, corner Hollenbeck and W. Paces. 1 tp

F. M. Upstill of Los Angeles, locating engineer for the Owens River, spent Christmas as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. McAllen.

For Sale or Exchange—A fine restaurant in East Los Angeles, near two car lines. Has fine soda fountain and everything in good shape. See N. D. Mussey, Covina.

The Christmas music which was so well rendered at the services at Holy Trinity Church Christmas morning will be repeated on next Sunday evening.

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Have you tried a date cake? A 2 pound cake 25c. They are fine. Warner, Whitel & Co.

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Mrs. Crabtree and Miss Crabtree of South Pasadena have been spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Conley at their home on College street. Miss Crabtree returned.

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Mr. Fred Perry of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lena Wheeland of Sawtelle are spending several days visiting with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Perry of San Bernardino road.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Collins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shepardson of Los Angeles, later going to Ontario to take Christmas dinner with Mr. Collins' sister, and making a short visit to Riverside where they were the guests of Mr. Collins' brother.

AGENTS WANTED:—Peoples Mutual Life Insurance Association and League, of Syracuse, N. Y., want male and female agents in every place in Southern California. W. P. Cook, District Manager, 1432 F. St., San Diego; 215 Mercantile Place, Los Angeles. 1tp

B. F. Thorpe has finished a very neat job of cement work for E. E. Pollard at his ranch home near Glendora. The ornamental pillars in front of the house are of Mr. Thorpe's design and are among the best specimens of the cement worker's art seen in this vicinity.

The State University of Berkeley is to hold a series of short courses in agriculture for practical farmers early in January. Mr. Ben F. Thorpe, president of the Covina Farmer's Club has been requested to give public announcement of same and full particulars will appear in our next issue. The dates are from January 7 to 12th and the meetings will be in Los Angeles.

Christmas is a great time to even up. Many people who never have anything happen to them to bring very much good cheer into their lives receive presents at Christmas time and forget much of the hardness and parsimony that is characteristic of the rest of the year.

Who knows but this is the thing that keeps us all from growing harder and harder and being driven eventually to despair. If Christmas had no historic foundation, if there was no virtue in the Christchild and no efficacy in His teachings; if all else were taken away from Him of man and it still retained a season, bringing good cheer to one of life's grays.

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
Irwindale Land and Water Company, principal place of business, Irwindale Postoffice, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the 22 day of October, 1906, an assessment, (No. 5), of 30 cents (\$3.30) per share was levied on the capital stock of the above named corporation, at the secretary's office at Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 2nd day of January, 1907, shall be delinquent and advertised for public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 1st day of February, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expense of sale.

C. D. LEECH, Secretary.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.
Office of the Covina Irrigating Company.

To the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company:

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company will be held at the office of the corporation in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary. Dated Dec. 22, 1906.

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The Great KOEPEINICK HOAX

Germany convulsed with laughter over bogus Captain and hoodwinked Burgomaster and Town Treasurer.

If the verdict on Wilhelm Voigt, the ex-convict cobbler who captured Koepenick and rifled the municipal treasury, could be determined by the votes of the German people, there is no doubt he would be allowed to go scot free by a large majority.

Though a criminal, as the author of the great hoax of the age, he is acclaimed a hero throughout Germany. He holds the stage as the world's champion bluffer. He has eclipsed the Kaiser at his best. He has conferred immortality on the town which was the scene of his exploit. He has added a new verb to the dictionary—to koepenick. Except in officialdom, which he so beautifully fooled, the only regret felt in connection with the incident is that he has been caught.

Now that his personality has been revealed to the world, the greater grows the admiration for the colossal audacity which enabled him to carry his plot through successfully. It would be hard to find a man outwardly more ill suited to the role which he played. "Low class" is writ large all over him. It is the fetish of the military uniform which made it possible for such a man to carry out his daring coup. Nowhere else but in Germany could he have succeeded. That is one of the lessons which Germany is taking to heart.

Voigt fully realizes the fame that he has achieved, and not even the prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison lessens his satisfaction. When the idea of his coup first came to him Voigt frequented music halls and other places where military officers resort that he might study them and their ways. The deference with which he observed they were everywhere treated soon convinced him that the uniform counted for vastly more than the man inside of it. He had first thought of raiding one of the Berlin municipalities, but came to the conclusion that in a place where there were so many officers about the risk was a little too great. Then he selected Koepenick, a thriving city of 75,000 inhabitants on the outskirts of the capital, for his exploit.

After donning a discarded uniform of a captain in the First Regiment of Infantry guards, which he purchased in a second hand clothing shop, he strolled calmly along a street in the east of Berlin, awaiting the return of a detachment of grenadier guards from the drilling ground to their barracks. True to his calculations, the detachment appeared, consisting of twenty-four men, each carrying a rifle.

"Your men must follow me," said Voigt, accosting the corporal. "I have the Kaiser's orders to make an important arrest and need your assistance." Grimy and battered though he was, and much too old for a captain, none of the soldiers thought for an instant of challenging the seedy uniform of the first guards. They obeyed him like sheep. He marched them to the nearest railway station, whence he took them by train to Koepenick. Arrived at Koepenick he ordered them to fix bayonets and march to the town hall.

Halting at the telephone exchange, Voigt ordered the official in charge to cut off communications with the town hall for the next two hours under penalty of incurring the Kaiser's displeasure. The uniform triumphed again. The trembling official promised implicit obedience.

The chief of the Koepenick police took orders from Voigt without question. The uniform hypnotized him, as it did everybody else. By Voigt's directions he placed a squad of police around the town hall to keep the crowd back, and as proof of his zeal, actually arrested five citizens whose curiosity got the better of their discretion. In his wildest extravaganzas Gilbert never conceived anything more ludicrous than a municipal police force helping a thief to loot the municipal treasury and arresting honest men to make things easier for him.

Now only red tape fettered officialdom which has been held up to ridicule feels sore over the exploit. The fetish of the military uniform has received a deadly blow. The day may come when Germany, freed from the tyranny of a military bureaucracy, may recognize that it owes a debt of gratitude to the cobbler who made this whole world laugh.

Voigt's case has called attention to another form of tyranny which needs reforming in Germany. It is the system of police supervision of ex-convicts. That made it impossible for Voigt to make an honest living. It was, he says, because there was no way open to him by which he could make a decent living honestly that he was

celved the idea of effecting a coup which he fondly hoped would bring him enough money to enable him to live without any more work, either honest or dishonest, and wed an old sweetheart. That the hoary sinner has some good stuff in him which has survived a score of years spent in jails is shown by the fact, attested by the old folk in whose house he was lodging, when caught, that he nursed there, with touching devotion, a young girl who was dying of consumption.

DIFFERENCES OF DIARISTS.

How Two Public Men Differed in Estimates of Bismarck.

Public men who keep diaries should either see that they are destroyed while there is yet time, or get together frequently to compare notes and agree in their versions of incidents, says the Boston Transcript. Either course would save the historian of the future a world of trouble, the nature of which is indicated by the sharp differences between the late Prince Hohenlohe's explanation of Bismarck's policy and that recorded by Crispien. The former, who was one of Bismarck's successors as German chancellor, wrote in his diary, on the authority of the grand duke of Baden, uncle of the Kaiser, that the Imperial distrust of Bismarck was based on a suspicion that he was secretly favoring Russia and laboring to undermine the triple alliance. Crispien, the Italian premier, left a diary, extracts from which the nephew has printed in facsimile to demonstrate that Bismarck was a zealous supporter, not only officially but personally, of the alliance. Crispien wrote while Bismarck's words were fresh in his memory. Bismarck explained that he had endeavored to live in friendship with Russia, but had failed, and urged that in extension of the drebbund there should be a "grouping" of Austria, Italy and England. Whether we should accept the grand duke's statement, presumably based on the confidences of his nephew, or that of Crispien, in estimating Bismarck, is a puzzle that promises to be prolific of literature.

Bismarck is still an idol with a large proportion of the Germans, who, however, may be deferential enough to the Kaiser to moderate the terms of their defense. Those who have studied him in "a neutral atmosphere" may reconcile the differences between diarists by saying that Bismarck talked one way with one man, and the opposite with another, and that he was pulling wool over Crispien's eyes as he had pulled it over those of Napoleon III. Bismarck was a lion with a great many fox traits in his make-up. Letters and diaries are of great value to the historian, but their product is often small as compared with the amount of labor necessary to reconcile contradictions and extract the residuum of fact. Without them many historical incidents would be cloudy, and it cannot have escaped detection that some of the richest finds have been made in letters which their writers solemnly pledged the recipients to destroy. One of the most luminous documents in the Paston correspondence has a P. S. reading "Burn this letter."

IS MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN ENGLAND.



This is Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew, the woman to whom King Edward has awarded the palm of beauty of his realm. He recently referred to her as "England's handsomest woman," and that title is expected to cling to her for many years. Lady Beatrice is the wife of General Pole-Carew and daughter of the Marquess of Ormonde.

Now an Anti-Expansionist.

A Virginia mountaineer, who had strayed to Richmond on an excursion, and who, as his holiday progressed, became rather hilarious, grew overconfident of his own greatness.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I kin lick any man in Richmond."

No one tried to dispute the assertion, and he tried again.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I kin lick any man in the whole State of Virginia."

The words were hardly out of his mouth before a tall, sinewy man from his own part of the State entered the game and gave the boaster a good thrashing.

The mountaineer had a sense of humor. He slowly picked himself and faced the group to which he had boasted.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I am now ready to acknowledge that I kivered too much territory in that last statement."

Penalty?

Redd—I see in Germany the user's chief chauffeur must mow through life under the imposing title of "oberhofwagenfuhrer."

Greene—What's the matter? Had he been speeding?—Yonkers Statesman.

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Leave Los Angeles	7:30	8:30	4:30	6:15	8:00
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"I certainly do."

"That is preposterous. I am authorized to settle with you, madam, for \$1,000. We will never pay 1 cent more."

"Well, then," she rejoined, with a sigh of resignation, "I suppose I'll have to compromise on \$50,000."—Chicago Tribune.

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OLD BOOK PROVES VALUABLE.

Secret Burmese Work of Centuries Ago Was Soldier's Loot.

In the possession of E. J. Oxley, of Fergus Falls, Minn., city, is a Burmese book of exceeding value, says the New York World. It is about eighteen inches in length, and the leaves are two and a half inches in width and much thicker than ordinary paper. Fastened together they make a volume about five inches thick. The leaves are sections of palm leaf, paper being unknown until centuries after this particular book was made, and the characters are delicately cut into the leaves, so that there is no such thing as fading.

The book was given Mr. Oxley by Sergeant Fred Stokes, of the English army, who took it from a Burmese temple in the English-Burmese war of twenty-five years ago. Mr. Oxley, who is himself an Englishman, had occasion to visit his native land, and Sergeant Stokes made him a present of the book as he was returning to America.

The sergeant had taken a small Burmese god from the same temple, and the temple and village were then burned by the soldiers. Neither he nor Mr. Oxley regarded the book as anything more than an ordinary curiosity at the time the present was made.

The first intimation that Mr. Oxley had as to its real value was given him by a Burmese lecturer to whom he showed it a few months ago. The man on seeing it, bluntly told the owner that he never came by any such book as that honestly; that it could not be held as private property in Burma, and that it was kept sacred and never handled except by the higher orders of the priesthood. He stated that it had taken one man a lifetime to carve the curious characters, and that the book was at least 6,000 years old. He offered Mr. Oxley \$200 for it, but he had already told him too much about it and the offer was promptly declined. He then offered \$400 and this offer was also declined.

The lecturer, before leaving town, told some friends that the book would sell for several thousand dollars if it were offered to the right person. Local ministers and others have had some of the leaves photographed and are sending them to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and to Eastern scholars with a view of having them translated.

The lecturer, who wished to purchase the book, stated that it was the only one of its kind in America, and probably the only copy of that particular section of what may be termed the Burmese scriptures, in existence.

ORPHEUM.

The program for the coming week at the Orpheum is headed by the well-known comedy pair, John Hyams and Della McInerney, in a clever sketch, and a variety of other acts.

Ready for Business. She had called to consult a fashionable physician who was famous for his up-to-date prices.

"Pardon me, doctor," she began, "but you—er—take anything off for me?"

"Certainly, madam," replied the M. "What would you like taken off—a hand or a foot?"

I'd Like to Know.

These modern novelists are certain a half-brained set," said Mrs. Jeffers. "What now?" mildly inquired Mr. Jeffers.

"Why, I've read a dozen of 'em and it is said of the hero, 'He smoked his cigarette doggedly,' and I never heard of a dog smoking those sky, stinking cigarettes?"—Kansas City Star.

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Perjures Herself to Shield Man.

In an effort to save her brother-in-law, H. A. Driggers, from jail, Mrs. H. A. Driggers, of Houston County, Ga., swore before the United States Commissioner at Troy that she owned and operated a moonshine still captured from Driggers and others. Her statement availed nothing, as the man is adjudged guilty.

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Relatively powerless and insignificant as the torpedo boats may have looked, the truth is that if one of them, the Wilkes, could get near enough to such a floating fort as the battle ship West Virginia and split a torpedo out of her tube in the right direction, \$8,000,000 would go up in the air and 800 men would be food for fishes. We may add, in order to refute some groundless accusations, that the cost of the naval review, imposing as the pageant looked, was negligible. The cost was computed by Rear Admiral Evans at \$800 all told; for, as he pointed out, so long as a ship is in commission, it is just as cheap for her to be at anchor off Oyster Bay as to be steaming across the ocean.

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What Cigar Terms Mean.

Of every hundred men who profess anxiety for the quality of their cigars owing to the Cuban rebellion, scarcely one could, if put to it, interpret the meaning of the various words which are stamped on the lid and sides of a cigar box. These are not mere fancy names, but terms actually descriptive of the cigar. On the lid is the name of the cigar, as Pedro Martini, Villa y Villa. The front of the box describes the shape and size, as Conchas, Reina, Regallas, which state the shape, and Perfecto Infantes, Princesses, which signify the size. These may be combined as Conchas Princesses, Conchas Finas, to state both shape and size.

At the back of the box, where the lid turns over, is stamped the quality of the cigar—Superfina, Fina, Flor, Superior and Buena, being the terms in the descending scale. The color of the cigar is declared on the right-hand side or end of the box. Claro signifies the lightest colored, Colorado Claro rather darker, Colorado dark, Colorado Maduro darker, Maduro very dark, Oscuro extremely dark, Negro darkest.—London Chronicle.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

ANNUAL RECORDS OF FIRES.

New York Has 8,700, Chicago 4,100—Number in United States.

Fire, as a servant, is necessary to the life of man, but when it escapes from its captivity and obtains the upper hand it more than avenges itself upon its sometimes puny master. In this respect Americans are especially unfortunate. Old World cities have been building their houses of stone for many centuries.

In the United States, however, it has been the custom to put up whole blocks of wooden structures in the smaller cities and towns. Now buildings of stone and steel are taking the places of the old fire-traps and in the larger cities the danger from fire is being materially reduced. Still, when one glances over the following figures which we quote from the Fireproof Magazine, it will be seen that the annual loss from fires may well be regarded as appalling.

"New York averages 8,700 fires a year; while Chicago nearly equals it, in proportion to her population, with 4,100.

"The average record in this country is three theaters, three public halls, twelve churches, ten schools, two hospitals, two asylums, two colleges, six apartment houses, three department stores, two jails, twenty-six hotels, 140 flats, and nearly 1,000 homes burned up every week in the year.

"We indulged in 45,000 fires last year, some of them wiping out many buildings, and seem piously to take our chances on fire, believing, in all probability, that those chances are somewhat remote.

"As a matter of fact, however, the country over, each family has just one chance in sixty of being burned out some time during the year; not a very long shot, after all."

Big Gun Gone Wrong.

The biggest gun in the world, and which, as might be expected, was invented and built in Great Britain, has definitely been declared unsafe, and will go to the scrap heap. As only one of these mammoths was built, and that as an experiment, the loss is comparatively small, even though it is about \$100,000. This gun was constructed to shoot a 16-inch projectile a distance of twenty-one miles, even though it would be impossible ever to hit a mark at such range. The big gun was found to be unsafe after a few firings, and really was as dangerous to our own folks as it was expected to be to an enemy. Twelve-inch guns are likely to be the limit for a long time, and certainly until some gun metal not now known is discovered.—Popular Mechanics.

Trouble Ahead.

"I see that Vienna sausages must be canned in Vienna and French sardines in France."

"Yes, but there's going to be trouble when they insist that Turkish cigarettes must be made in Turkey."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Slaves at the Last.

Like Patrick Henry, I've always said I'd never be a slave; I'd sooner die for Liberty. And all a patriot's grave.

My wife, she, too, always teared for Liberty's brand at that. The point she's particular.

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You Have Seen Them.

First Flat Dweller—Those people over there are always kicking on the meals.

Second Ditto—Then why don't they move?

First Flat Dweller—They're the kind that would rather kick than eat.—Detroit Free Press.

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When, a few years ago, someone in an idle jest worded an advertisement for a housemaid saying that the advertiser would and could give "references" we all laughed and thought it too funny to be true. But it was prophetic. Recently in the newspaper of a suburban city an advertisement appeared for a cook and a housemaid, and the one in want of the servants added in a manner unmistakably meant to be persuasive "first change in ten years."

But who among us feels like laughing now? Rather it is sobering in its effect, upon us, since it but tells in one more way a story that is vexing and perplexing thousands of housekeepers in the State.—Boston Transcript.

Unkind. The Playwright—Didn't I see you in your seat some time after the final curtain fell?

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Contagious Blood Poison has brought more suffering, misery and humiliation into the world than all other diseases combined; there is hardly any limit to its powers for evil. It is the blackest and vilest of all disorders, wrecking the lives of those unfortunate enough to contract it and often being transmitted to innocent offspring, a blighting legacy of suffering and shame. So highly contagious is the trouble that innocent persons may contract it by using the same table ware, toilet articles or clothing of one in whose blood the treacherous virus has taken root. Not only is it a powerful poison but a very deceptive one. Only those who have learned by bitter experience know by the little sore or ulcer, which usually makes its appearance first, of the suffering which is to follow. It comes in the form of ulcerated mouth and throat, unsightly copper colored spots, swollen glands in the groin, falling hair, offensive sores and ulcers on the body, and in severe cases the finger nails drop off, the bones become diseased, the nervous system is shattered and the sufferer becomes an object of pity to his fellow man. Especially is the treacherous nature of Contagious Blood Poison, shown when the infected person endeavors to combat the poison with mercury and potash. These minerals will drive away all outward symptoms of the troubles for a while, and the victim is deceived into the belief that he is cured. When, however, the treatment is left off he finds that the poison has only been driven deeper into the blood and the disease reappears, and usually in worse form because these strong minerals have not only failed to remove the virus from the blood but have weakened the entire system because of their destructive action. S. S. S. is the only real and certain cure for Contagious Blood Poison. It is made of a combination of healing blood-purifying roots, herbs and barks, the best in Nature's great laboratory of forest and field. We offer a reward of \$1,000 for proof that S. S. S. contains a particle of mineral in any form. S. S. S. goes down to the very bottom of the trouble and by cleansing the blood of every particle of the virus and adding rich, healthful qualities to this vital fluid, forever cures this powerful disorder. So thoroughly does S. S. S. cleanse the circulation that no signs of the disease are ever seen again, and offspring is protected.

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"I do," chuckled the chauffeur. "Don't you see how everything 'turns out' for the best?"—Chicago Tribune.

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"I'll be ready in a minute, dear."

"All right; I'll go down to my office and run over some papers I forgot to-day while I'm waiting. It will take me only an hour."—Baltimore American.

Starting a March.

"Hang it all!" exclaimed Mr. Shubbs, arriving home from the office, "we'll have to call on the Dubleys to-night."

"Why, George, you said you wanted to stay home with me in comfort to-night," exclaimed his wife.

"Yes, but Dubley told Bulklotz he and his wife meant to call on us to-night. We can leave their house earlier than we could make them leave ours."—Philadelphia Press.

The question of alien immigration is now far more serious to London than it ever was in California.

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"I want to know what the doctor said for the plaintiff, who was cross-examining the witness, 'Just what the defendant said when my client told him he was a bigamist, and that the facts had been found out.'"

"He didn't say anything," answered the witness.

"Well, what did he do?"

"He acted kind of hasty."

"I want to know exactly how he acted."

"Want me to show you?"

The witness suddenly reached over,

grabbed the attorney by the hair, threw him down on the floor, and proceeded to hammer him.

"This is the way he acted," he said, "till the other fellows interferred. Some of your claps pull me off, will you?"

It was tough on the lawyer, but it won the case for him.

One is Enough.

Suburbs—I have only one objection to domesticity as a claim.

Flatfish—And what is that?

Suburbs—They are mostly "quittera."

Take No Stock in It.

"Let's see," observed the visitor from abroad, "your most celebrated watering place is Newport, isn't it?"

"No, Wall Street, I guess," was the reply.—Boston Transcript.

Slide Lights on History.

Caesar had just crossed the Italian for the second time. "I may say," he jotted down, "that I have given it the double cross."

This is the origin of the expression. Xerxes was holding the pass at Thermopylae. "Ha!" he muttered, "just like a general passenger agent!"

Then he withstood another attack.

Of 1,008 cases of typhoid fever in sixteen hospitals last year one in eight died.

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IRWINDALE.

Marion Collins and Miss Elaine Spencer of Covina spent Thursday with Mrs. Edna Collins.

Mrs. Gibbons, son and daughter, and Mrs. Packlison of Los Angeles spent Christmas with Mrs. E. E. Jacob and family.

Mrs. G. T. Brown and Miss Phoebe Brown spent Christmas with friends in Los Angeles.

Mrs. C. Heath, Miss Ethel Heath and John Heath took Christmas dinner with Mrs. J. C. Deck in Pomona.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Washburn and family of Pasadena, spent Christmas with Mrs. Washburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Coffman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Matney held a family reunion on Christmas day at their home in Irwindale. About sixty relatives were present.

Charles Kendall, who was hurt several months ago underwent an operation last Monday in a Los Angeles hospital. He is getting along well, but it will be several weeks before he will be able to be home.

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport and children of Tropic are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lunn.

Mr. Davenport and daughter Miss Ada of Los Angeles spent Sunday in Irwindale at their ranch.

Drenching Rains.

Covina was visited by the second hard rainstorm of the season Thursday night. The rain began to fall early Wednesday morning and throughout that day and Thursday showers continued. Thursday evening the rain became harder and during the night came down in torrents, the rainfall for the night amounting to 2.05 inches. The total rainfall for the season to date is 7.22 inches.

Watchnight Services.

The Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches will hold a union watch meeting and social New Years eve at the Christian church. The following program will be given:

The outlook for the 20th century is indicated by the first half dozen years:

- 8 to 9 o'clock—Social confab.
- 9 o'clock—Part One. Prophecy. Indications along line of:
 1. Inventive, Prof. Gladfelter.
 2. Business Opportunities, E. P. Warner.
 3. Education, Prof. A. H. Collins.
 4. Practical philanthropy, hospital, sayings, etc., Dr. Jennings.
 5. Temperance and social reform Dr. Goodell.
- 10 o'clock—Refreshments.
- 10:45—Banquet Light—for Hangan Guilds. 10:45—The Sunday School. 11:00—The Young People's Movement. 11:15—The church service.
- 11:30—The Individual and the New Year Consecration and Testimony.
- 11:55—Prayer, silent from 11:58 to 12:02.

St. Agnes Guild's Successful Sale.

The Christmas sale held by St. Agnes Guild in the Ostrander building last Saturday afternoon was most successful, besides being a very interesting one, as a sale of this kind is seldom given to the public. The tables were laden with everything that could be wished for the Christmas dinner, from chicken, fruit cake and plum pudding down to the smallest facts. The young ladies were assisted by the ladies of Holy Trinity Guild and it was most gratifying that by evening all the good things were gone, the Guild realizing quite a neat sum from the sale. It is to be hoped that the young ladies will continue their efforts throughout the winter and as this proved so successful it should be an inducement for them to do so.

Have you tried a date cake? A 2-pound cake 25c. They are fine. Warner, White & Co.

Found—Watch and Job. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying expense.

One-half pound of coffee free with 1 1/2 pounds of Rich's Monday.

100 sacks of wheat. We will sell at \$1.50 per bushel while it lasts. This is a sure thing. San Gabriel Valley Milling Co.

Rev. D. A. Hensfield has es sich zur Aufgabe gemacht, das Werk eines evangelischen Predigers zu thun, und wird versuchen ein Amt redlich auszuuehen. (2 Tim. 1:5) Er gedankt seinen dankerbedenden Landleuten in Covina und Umgebung zu besuchen, und wenn der Wunsch da ist, seinen Predigt-Gottesdienst zu haben, so ist er gerne bereit mit dem Herrn Gottes zu dienen.

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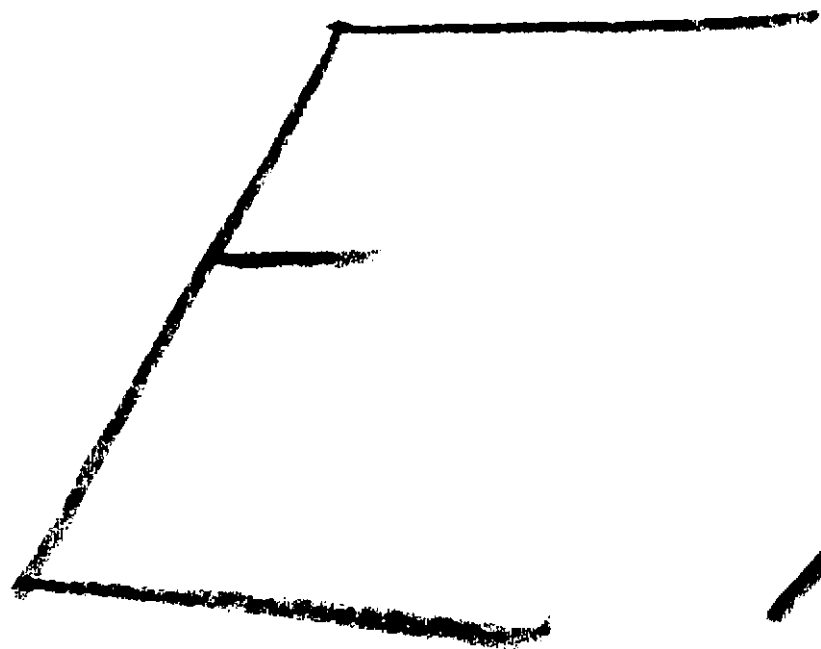
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HEAVY REALTY DEALS CLOSED

Senator Buller of Idaho and T. E. Finch Purchase Corners.

Fifteen thousand five hundred dollars was paid Thursday by Senator B. F. Buller of Idaho for a corner on Citrus avenue and College street, 71 feet on Citrus and 101 feet on E. College, the property of W. D. Ellis of San Dimas. Upon the property are two one-story brick store rooms and a bake shop. The store rooms are occupied by C. W. Potter as a hardware store and Franz Richter as a bicycle and general repair shop. The bakery is leased by Warner, Whitsel & Co. The buildings could probably be constructed for \$4500. This is the highest price that has yet been paid for a business corner in Covina. Even at this price it is a good investment for conservative real estate men predict that it will be worth 50 per cent more before another Christmas comes around. The sale was made by I. C. Fairly.

Another heavy transaction of Covina business corners was also consummated on Thursday when H. M. Houser sold to T. E. Finch, manager of the San Gabriel Valley Milling Company, the corner now occupied by F. H. Fabrick's hardware, immediately opposite the First National Bank. This property has a frontage of 25 feet on Citrus avenue with 100 feet on W. College street. The price paid was \$8000.

Christmas Trees at the Various Churches.

Santa Claus was abroad in all the churches on Christmas eve, bestowing his gifts on all the good little boys and girls.

At the Christian church was a beautiful tree, gleaming with lights and heavily laden with all sorts of toys. Before the gifts were distributed to the children a program of recitations, music, and tableaux was rendered.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held their tree in the Woman's Club House. The tree was beautiful and every little child of the Sunday school was well remembered with toys and candy. The children gave a good program.

The tree at the Methodist church was unusually pretty with its bright trimmings of tinsel and ropes of popcorn and pretty presents. The children of the Sunday school gave an excellent program, "What say the Bells" which consisted of Christmas carols and recitations. After the program the presents were distributed to the children.

Another pretty tree was seen at the Baptist church where the children of the Sunday school and their parents gathered to enjoy a splendid program of Christmas music and recitations.

Santa Claus found the little children of the Episcopal church in the Coleman store, where from a beautiful Christmas tree, gaily trimmed with popcorn and candy, he distributed his presents to the happy children of the Sunday school. Previous to the appearance of Santa Claus a short program of Christmas carols and recitations was given. Mr. Fletcher, the pastor, gave a pleasing Christmas message.

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The county institute and the Southern California teachers' association which closed Dec. 21st, was undoubtedly the best one, from every point of view ever held in Los Angeles county.

One of the profitable as well as pleasant features of the institute was shorter sessions and fewer papers, this not tiring those in attendance and also not giving more than could be assimilated by the teachers.

It is not likely that so able a corps of lecturers has ever been brought together in an association outside of the national association of teachers. Everyone of the nearly a score has a reputation in his special field. Among them were Dr. David S. Jordan, president of Stanford University; Dr. J. C. Brunner, vice-president of Stanford University; Dr. C. C. Coker of Stanford; Dr. O. O. Clapp and others from University of California; Dr. R. G. Boone, Editor of "Education", New York city; Dr. J. W. Cook, president of the Normal college, Normal, Ill.; and Supt. E. Miller of Iowa, the champion and foremost advocate of agriculture as a part of the school curriculum.

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City Business.

Due to Christmas falling on Tuesday this year the regular meeting of the city trustees was held on Wednesday evening.

Several matters of importance were discussed and acted upon. The street superintendent was instructed to have the cement culvert, crossing the road at the intersection of Citrus avenue and Puente street, extended on both sides, thereby guarding against a repetition of the unfortunate accident which occurred at this point one dark night several weeks ago when a wagon containing five or six occupants was upset by the driver turning the corner too short.

Chairman Lohse also reported that the Pacific Electric R. R. would put in a culvert across Badillo street at the extreme east city limits to carry the storm water that flowed down Badillo street.

The city attorney was also instructed to draw an ordinance providing for the completion of all street improvements before the acceptance by the city of new subdivisions.

The council also decided to purchase some additional fire hose.

Card of Thanks.

To the public of Covina and vicinity:—We extend our thanks for liberal patronage and good will.

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Representatives of the teachers' association would hesitate to make a little sacrifice to give his dollar as a voluntary membership fee, to maintain an association which gives him so much.

The Covina teachers' association pronounced this as the best convention they have ever attended and felt that they enter the school room again Jan. 2nd, 1907 with renewed inspiration to do even yet greater things. Supervising principal Collins read a paper on the "The Betsey Plan of Individual Instruction" before the Council of Education on Friday morning of the association. The Council of Education is a regular division of the association.

After the close of the association the Covina teachers left for their several homes for the holidays. Miss Lamonds, Miss Manning, Miss Griswold and Mr. Gludfelter of the high school remaining in Covina. Miss Moskowitz is spending the vacation with her parents at Berkeley. Miss Lloyd at Redlands, Miss Taylor at Alameda, Miss Calkins at Pomona, while Mrs. Miller, Misses Garrison, Miss Widney, Miss Blanchard are remaining in Covina for the holiday season. Miss Williams is visiting at her home in Pasadena. All will be again glad to meet their pupils at Wednesday, January 2nd, 1907.

Death of the Mother of W. B. Broadwell.

The death of Mrs. Catherine M. Broadwell occurred at her home in Ocean Park early Wednesday morning. The body was brought to Covina for burial. Mrs. Broadwell was the mother of Mr. W. B. Broadwell of this city. She was over eighty years of age and had been in poor health for a number of months, but her illness was not thought to be serious and her sudden death was unexpected. The funeral services were held at Holy Trinity church on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Fletcher officiating. Beautiful floral offerings were sent by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Broadwell.

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There are only four letters in love, but there are thousands of love letters.

A girl is pretty safe in marrying a young man whose mother can't cook.

With whalebone at \$15,000 a ton the anti-corset crusader enters the fray with renewed zest.

Sometimes the popularity of a fad depends upon the amount of foolishness there is back of it.

Yale university has raised the salaries of its professors. Some of them make almost as much now as a football player.

London reports the sale of an odontoglossum crisplum platinum for \$5,750. They've gone up since we bought ours.

A private soldier stationed at Havana is to be court martialed for rhyming. Would that all the rhymsters were regulars.

A London man played the piano 48 hours consecutively, proving his physical endurance, his idiosyncrasy and the patience of his neighbors.

Some judge has gravely decided that chickens are hatched, not born. At least one of the differences between chickens and poets has now been made plain.

"Father's cigar" may be responsible for Johnny's coffin nail in frequent instances, but many a smokeless father is shocked by the discovery that he has a smoking son.

Perhaps that English professor who referred to "the joyless American faces" had been making a study of the faces of some of our citizens as they are seen in their automobiling outfits.

Cleveland's Y. M. C. A. has decided that a multi-millionaire cannot be an honest man. Evidently the Cleveland Y. M. C. A. has no reason to expect large donations from H. H. Rogers.

One of Washington's body servants died at Alexandria, Va., a few days ago. It must have been a long and tedious job for Washington to call the roll of his body servants when that the necessary.

It is estimated that the apple crop in the United States this year will amount to more than 35,000,000 barrels. But this fact doesn't afford much comfort to the consumer who inquires the price in the retail market.

The price of artificial diamonds is going up very rapidly. This is probably due to the fact that most of the society ladies now wear artificial diamonds and keep their real gems in safety deposit vaults. What will they do when the artificial gems become so valuable that it will not be safe to wear them?

Knowledge of human nature is shown in the recent order of the Post-office Department, that for minor delinquencies of duty not serious enough to warrant discharge, fines shall be no longer imposed. Instead, the salaries of the less worthy employees will be decreased, and the reductions will be added to the salaries of the deserving. Of course serious offense brings discharge, as heretofore. The new system encourages good service and discourages service which is not good.

Scarless surgery is one of the latest achievements in medical science. The London surgeon who conceived the idea and successfully put it in practice is unable to meet the demands for his services. The idea is a simple one. In making the incision the scalpel does not cut the skin at right angles with the surface but passes through it at a slant. After the operation is over the skin is joined with the greatest nicety, a magnifying glass being used to see that the contact is perfect. Then a light dressing of wool and glass is applied to prevent infection and as much pressure is applied as is safe. Naturally much depends upon the skill of the operator. The surgeon who perfected the process devotes himself entirely to making incisions in the skin and treating them afterward, leaving the operations proper to others.

There is some extenuation for Fourth of July riot because it is, nominally at least, in celebration of a patriotic anniversary. It is, too, only incidentally destructive. It is not essentially vicious. So much cannot be said of the Halloween lawlessness, which is increasing in volume and recklessness yearly. There was a time when Halloween pranks were confined to the ringing of doorbells, the operation of "tick-tacks" and the occasional carrying off of a gate or some other portable object. The modern celebrators have got far past that stage of diversion. They deliberately destroy property in some instances and in others they deliberately steal it. The "celebration," in other words, has become a combination of malicious mischief and larceny. There is no longer any pretense of prankishness about it. The situation, of course, arises from the

fact—irrevocable in such matters—that a certain degree of Halloween license is permitted in deference to tradition and custom. This license is seized upon by the vicious and larcenous as an excuse for their operations. The result is seen in wholesale damage to property and in serious losses by theft. It is probably too much to expect any reform in the matter, since the excuse that Halloween, like Christmas, comes but once a year will be deemed sufficient answer to the complaints of those who have had their property destroyed or stolen. It may be said, nevertheless, that if it became known that the law against malicious mischief and larceny would be enforced on Halloween as on all other nights of the year, there would be a stop to the annoyances and outrages which many people now suffer. It is simply a question of executing the laws.

Possibly in order to correct an impression fostered by explosive orators and public speakers, and emphasized by occasional developments, Alfred Vanderbilt has ventured to speak in defense of the conjugal harmony of men of large wealth. Himself a multi-millionaire, he has the courage to assume that rich men love their families quite as well as poor men, and that the emotions of love, and constancy, and devotion are not necessarily completely suppressed because a man has had the fortune to add to his income and accumulate wealth beyond that of the average citizen. The special point of his argument is that only the people of wealth and distinction are singled out for approbrium or ridicule when the marriage bells are a little out of tune. Nobody cares how often or how violently Mr. and Mrs. Pauper quarrel or how quickly they betake themselves to the divorce court, but let the slightest cloud appear in the matrimonial sky of Mr. and Mrs. Dives and the whole country is profoundly agitated. All the details of the dreadful affair are eagerly sought, and many are the improving morals deduced in eloquent discourses from the pulpit or at the fireside. The habit of generalizing from specific instances is not a safe one. All millionaires do not divorce their loyal wives to marry chorus girls, and all women of wealth do not suspect their husbands of losing every tie of family love and obligation. Even in Pittsburgh great riches are not synonymous with marital infidelity, and the proportion of rich men who quarrel noisily with their wives and finally divorce them is extremely small. It is undoubtedly true that the married life of the rich is spiced with differences of opinion, but it is probably equally true that the proportion of divorces is much larger among the poorer than among the wealthier classes, though the tumult which thereby may be nothing.

It is not necessary that Mr. Vanderbilt should explain the human and praiseworthy emotions of the rich or try to demonstrate that they are controlled by passions which govern those in less opulent circumstances. But it was natural enough, perhaps, that he should feel the injustice of the arraignment of all millionaires as enemies to marriage propriety and that he should speak as a representative of the class so arraigned.

DAYLIGHT AHEAD.

Latest Stage in the Evolution of the Electric Light.

Fireflies are still in advance of mankind in the matter of economical light producing. The phosphorescent glow which they give off is nearly pure light, says the Independent. Very little of the energy is wasted in heat, while in the case of the lighting device by man more power is used up in producing heat, which is usually not wanted, than is converted into visible light.

The nearest we have yet come to following the fireflies is the mercury vapor light developed by American inventors, which, in the form of long glowing tubes, has been seen in our shop windows as advertisements for two years or more.

They produce more light at less cost than any other practical method of illumination and would be extensively used if it were not for the color of the light. It contains no red rays, but is strongest in the violet end of the spectrum, extending far beyond the limits of visibility in that direction and including an abundance of rays that we can photograph, but cannot see.

This mercury glow light has made the "while you wait photography" of the pleasure parks a possibility, but it is too gaudy for common use. It would turn a parlor into a morgue or a scene room.

But recently it is reported that German chemists have overcome this difficulty by putting into the electrodes other metals besides mercury, thus changing the character of the light and making it approach the light of common day.

Zinc with 10 per cent of bismuth and a trace of sodium is used for this purpose. If this proves practical we shall have our houses cheaply lighted by softly glowing tubes arranged in all sorts of artistic designs on the walls and ceilings instead of one or more points of light too bright to look at directly.

She Knew Them.

Miss Dabney. She was brazen about how successful her dinner party was. She said it would tip "with great eclat." "What's eclat," anyway?

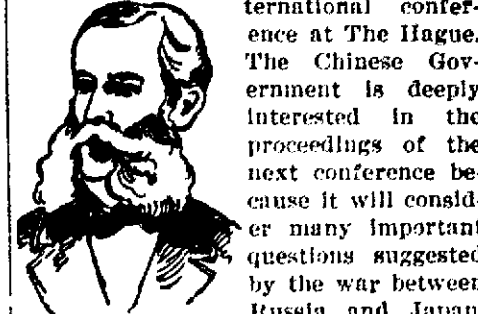
Miss Mugley.—Why, I guess that was the dessert. Didn't you never eat a chocolate eclat? Philadelphia Press.

A farmer can find more uses for a piece of baling wire than the average woman finds for a hairpin.

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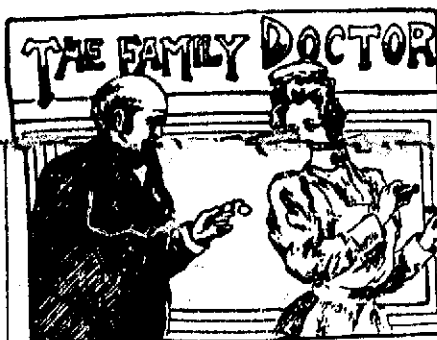
China Selects One to Represent It at The Hague Tribunal.

The Chinese Government has appointed John W. Foster, formerly Secretary of State, as its delegate to the next international conference at The Hague.



The Chinese Government is deeply interested in the proceedings of the next conference because it will consider many important questions suggested by the war between Russia and Japan, which was fought Chinese territory. It is expected that the tribunal, representing all the civilized nations of the world, will adopt some kind of a code to govern similar situations in the future, to define the rights and limit the authority of belligerents who occupy neutral ground. It will doubtless determine also to what extent such belligerents can use neutrals within their lines, and to what extent neutrals can assist the belligerents. A new definition of neutrality is very much needed, and there is an imperative necessity for an international law protecting the non-contraband property of neutrals during war.

Mr. Foster has been counsel of the Chinese legation in Washington for twenty years, except during several intervals when he was Secretary of State under the Harrison administration or has been engaged in diplomatic negotiations in behalf of his own government. He was the adviser of the Chinese commissioners in their negotiations for peace after the war with Japan in 1895, and his services were so satisfactory to both sides that he was afterward entertained and honored at Tokio by the Japanese quite as much as by the Chinese at Peking. Shortly after, and several times since, the Chinese Government has invited him to go to Peking as its official adviser and has offered him a most tempting salary as his remuneration. It is the conviction of the diplomatic colony in China that if Mr. Foster had accepted the invitation of the Emperor in 1896 the Boxer troubles would have been prevented and the war between Russia and Japan would never have occurred. That war was the direct result of the intervention of Russia in the affairs and relations of China and Japan. This would never have happened, nor would the Boxer outbreak have occurred, if there had been a strong and wise man at the head of the foreign department at Peking.



Dropsy.—Take one ounce of burnt copperas, one ounce of aloes, half an ounce of cream of tartar, beat fine, mix and place in two glass capsules. Begin with one capsule and increase one each morning until the ninth day, then rest nine days and begin with one as at first, go through nine more and rest nine again; repeat the third nine days and the patient should be well. Live on crackers and molasses and sweet milk, half water. Eat no meat and do not drink coffee.

Eczema.—Ichthyol is probably more useful than anything else in lessening the irritation from eczema. It is a preparation obtained from certain varieties of fossilized shale occurring in the Tyrol Alps. It has a characteristic bituminous odor and taste. Let it be understood, however, that any outward application of this kind is but a temporary alleviation of the ailment. To cure, the cause must be removed, which in ninety-nine times out of a hundred, will be found in errors of diet—eating too often, too much and of improper or overstimulating food. It is a great wonder more people are not afflicted with eczema, for we are certainly a glutinous people as we live at present.

Epilepsy.—The latest treatment for this dreadful complaint is the fluid extract of horsebottle, botanically the solanum carolinense. For an adult give a half teaspoonful in water every three hours and increase the dose up to four teaspoonfuls. When the patient shows improvement reduce the dose to two a day, night and morning. Children can be given from ten to twenty drops. Physicians using this drug should begin with the small dose and give it in mild cases until the patient has a feeling of drowsiness after each dose. In chronic cases that are considered bad the physician should push the drug until it produces symptoms of vertigo after each dose and then stop and hold the case at this point, then begin to gradually reduce the dose until only a few drops are given.

Fare Play.

Conductor (to woman with baby)—Pickets, madam.

Woman.—I ain't no tick, I'm traveling with the baby.

Conductor.—You have to pay or get off.

Woman.—How much for the baby?

Conductor.—Nothing for the baby.

Woman.—That's what I thought. Nothing for the baby, but y'd better think this pore little thing y'd travel alone.

Conductor.—Toled, bladed.

Every man prices himself too high.

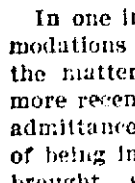
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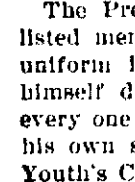
THE HONOR OF THE UNIFORM.



ON several occasions soldiers and sailors of the United States have been excluded from public places for no other apparent reason than that they were in uniform. In several cases the War Department or the Navy Department has come to the support of the offended soldier or sailor.



In one instance a warrant officer could not get accommodations in a hotel. The Secretary of the Navy took the matter up, and the hotel-keeper was censured. A more recent case is that of a sailor to whom was refused admittance to a place of amusement, "solely on account of being in the uniform of the United States navy." He brought suit against the proprietor. Rear-Admiral Thomas encouraged the suit, and the President approved it in a published letter. The President said that he wished to make it plain that the uniform of the United States is to be respected, and that the wearing of it is a presumption in favor of the character of the wearer.



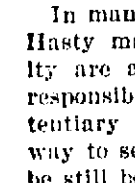
The President also suggested the other side of the matter when he said, "If a man misbehaves, then, no matter what uniform he wears, he should be dealt with accordingly." There is a duty upon every citizen to respect the uniform, and there is also a duty on every man in the service to maintain the dignity of the service. It may happen that in towns frequented by sailors or soldiers the act of some man in uniform disgraces his suit of honor. The next man who appears wearing the same sign of honor suffers for the sin of his fellow.



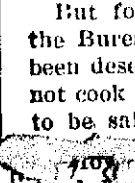
WIFE DESERTERS AND THEIR GOOD EXCUSE.



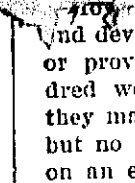
WIFE desertion is a serious offense and is increasing in Chicago at a tremendous rate. There are thousands of deserted wives in this city to-day who are barely able to keep themselves and their children from starving, and their number is being added to every week.



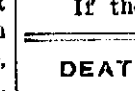
In many cases, of course, the husband only is at fault. Hasty marriages, weak characters, laziness and brutality are all to blame and when they are proved to be responsible the wife deserter should be sent to the penitentiary for a lesson to other men. If there were any way to set him to work to support his family that would be still better.



But four hundred women who last year appealed to the Bureau of Charities for assistance because they had been deserted by their husbands confessed that they could not cook or keep house. In their cases there is something to be said on the side of the husbands, however weak they may be.



And devotion if she is unable to keep her husband's house or provide him his food and drink? These four hundred women may have been as attractive to the men they married as a pretty girl in his harem is to a Turk, but no man can long pursue the delights of love-making on an empty stomach. Sooner or later his interest will fade and he will go out to look for something to soothe his hunger.



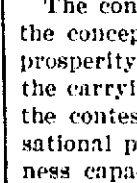
If these four hundred marriages should come up for

adjustment before a jury the wandering husbands would no doubt be exonerated and sympathized with, no matter what their own faults might prove to be. The first essential to happy and successful marriage is a wife that knows how to cook and to keep house. Without it there can be no home.—Chicago Journal.

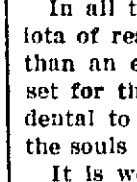
CHURCH OR CIRCUS?



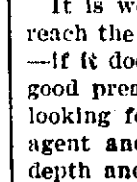
THE trustees of a large church in Chicago have requested the resignation of the pastor because he is too old to be of further use. He is sixty years old. Furthermore, they say: "What we need is a hustling business man who can raise money and a man who can preach sermons that will attract a man not afraid of notoriety."



The conception of the church held by these trustees is the conception of too many churchmen—that of material prosperity, influence and power in the community. In the carrying out of this idea many churches have entered the contest for expensive plants, artistic music and sensational preaching. They require a pastor who has business capacity, social leadership, who is capable of making an impression.



In all this miserable program there is not one idea or iota of real Christianity. If the church is anything more than an ethereal society it is a divine institution, which is set for the cultivation of spiritual life. All else is incidental to the main purpose—the engaging and saving of the souls of men.

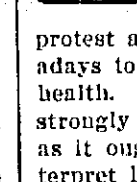


It is well enough to have expensive churches—if they reach the people and minister to their spirits. And music—if it does not degenerate into mere entertainment. And good preaching—if it is gospel. But the church that is looking for a combined orator, social leader, canvassing agent and financier to be its pastor—regardless of the depth and sweetness of his spirituality—ought to go out of the church business and go into the show business.—Indianapolis Sun.

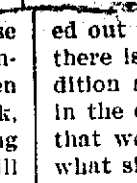
DON'T WORRY.



EVERY man, it has been said, is either a fool or a physician at 40. Some people manage to be both. Among these Dr. A. T. Schofield, who lectured on the preservation of health at Gresham College, is certainly not to be counted. Dr. Schofield lifted up his voice in what we cannot but think a necessary protest against the amount of encouragement given nowadays to people whose main interest in life is their own health.



In the course of his remarks Dr. Schofield, while strongly insisting that our national life is not as healthy as it ought to be, argued to the effect, unless we misinterpret him, that a perpetual worrying about individual health is as unhealthy as most of the morbid agencies that surround us. We incline to think that our health ought to be treated on the same principle as our clothes, which we should (it is submitted) not think about very much once we have got them good and put them on with



ed out to a famous member of Dr. Schofield's profession, there is only one way of keeping in perfect physical condition all one's life, and that is to work at bodily tasks in the open air every day, and never think at all. As to that we say what Chaucer said to St. Augustine's somewhat similar advice: "Let Austin have his swink to him reserved." Most of us prefer to keep on with the great voyage of discovery that we call civilization.—London Daily News.

DEATH-DEALING RAILROAD.

Chinese Line Proves Fatal to Many Who Built It.

A recent report concerning railways in China says, according to the New York Herald: "The construction of the railway between Laokai and Yunnanfu (the great enterprise to which all well wishers of Yunnan look forward as one of the means of permuting this province to take her proper place in the markets of the world) has been perseveringly pushed forward in the face of great difficulties, both climatic and economic. The vile climate of the Nannai valley has levied a heavy toll on those who have dared to open up its primeval jungles and gullies. The death rate among the coolies imported from various parts of the empire and put to work in this dreaded valley may, without exaggeration, be estimated at 5,000, or 70 per cent of the total number employed on that particular section of the line. The company has made praiseworthy efforts to counteract the evils of the climate in this valley.

"Instead of attempting to carry on the work in the Nannai valley all the year through, the work is suspended almost entirely during the summer rains, and the coolies are moved up to the works on the high and healthier plateau. This measure, while it economizes the life of that most important individual in the building of any railway—namely, the coolie—must considerably delay the completion of the line, and we must, therefore, wait until 1910 at least for that great desideratum, the linking up of Yunnanfu with Hailiphong.

"The year under review marks an important epoch in the history of the railway enterprise in India. On Christmas day the first locomotive reached Laokai, on the Tonkin-Yunnan border, and it is hoped that the coming spring will see the commencement of a through railway service between Hailiphong and Laokai."

Bettered Himself.

Nell.—The last time I saw Miss Kately she had a job as collector, running down old accounts for a wealthy manufacturer.

Nell.—She got a better job now running up new accounts at all the stores. She married her employer.—The Telegraph.

"I have been abused so much by my neighbors," said a millionaire today, "that I am tempted to slap my own face."

A LITTLE LESSON IN ADVERSITY.

There may be differences of opinion concerning the philosophy preached by Voltaire, but there can exist none concerning the influence that the man exerted upon his own generation and succeeding ones.

His personality was peculiar. He was ebullient and cynical, yet there was an intensity, a magnetism about him that would win for him a hearing where men of more agreeable natures utterly failed.

Voltaire reached summits that no philosopher of his time even aspired to attain to. It was an age where friendship of royalty and the patronage of nobility counted for everything in the line of material success. Voltaire, without fawning, in fact on the contrary, openly disregarding this class, was nevertheless treated by them with most remarkable consideration.

The great Frederick of Prussia sent for Voltaire to come from France to be his guest, and treated him with the consideration he would have extended to royal guests.

And yet while Voltaire had reached this high position, his youth had been one of constant trial. He had tried almost every occupation and had failed most miserably at every one he tried.

After each failure he began again with undaunted courage. Even his imprisonment did not deter him. He started life anew after his years in the Bastille with an assurance worthy of his reward.

Strong Dental.

New Minister.—I am glad you enjoyed your trip. Foreign travel always broadens one's.

Mrs. Crump (partly)—Why, Mr. Sallup; how can you say that? I don't weigh an ounce heavier than I did when I started.—Toledo Blade.

A savage dog is the way to a cross of the hungry hobo.

PALACE NOW A CONVENT.

Wealthy Woman Renounces Society and Will Live with Nuns.

Having decided her life was a disappointment, Mrs. Alice O'Day, a wealthy Missouri woman, has turned her elegant country mansion near Springfield into a convent and proposes to spend the remainder of her life as a guest of the twenty-four black-robed nuns, who now own the \$250,000 estate. Mrs. O'Day, who has been twice married, says that no man shall ever enter her life again. She says she expects to find peace of mind in the solemn round of religious duties in which she will take part to some extent. Having been once divorced, she cannot be a nun, but is allowed to reside with them as the foundress of a colony.

Her gift is indeed a princely one. The magnificent residence, which not many months ago echoed with the gaiety of balls and encores, is in the midst of a 20-acre park. It was called



THE O'DAY MANSION.

"Elmdale," suggesting the haunt of mischievous sprites. Now it is "St. de Chantal Monastery of the Visitation." The nuns conduct a school for girls, and the building is to be used exclusively for this after Mrs. O'Day builds them a new convent, which she has promised to do.

Mrs. O'Day was Mrs. Alice Williams, of St. Louis, when she married a wealthy railroad magnate. Six years ago she had a violent quarrel with him, following which she secured a divorce and a heavy alimony settlement.

Unchanged.

After making a tour of the town a local beggar arrayed himself in the garments that had been given him.

His toilet made, he looked at his reflection in the pool in the wood and shook his head.

"Here I am," he said to his companion, who was donning his cast-off clothes, "wearing the boots of a bank president, the trousers of a shop-keeper, the shirt and coat and vest of a doctor, and a minister's hat. Yet in spite of it all I look like a tramp!"

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MARK TWAIN'S HARD FATE.

Paints a picture reflecting on his life.

The first critic that ever had occasion to describe my personal appearance littered his description with foolish and inexcusable errors whose aggregate furnished the result that I was distinctly and distressingly unhand-some. That description floated around the country in the papers and was in constant use and wear for a quarter of a century.

It seems strange to me that apparently no critic in the country could be found who could look at me and have the courage to take up his pen and destroy that lie. That lie began its course on the Pacific coast in 1864 and it likened me in personal appearance to Petroleum V. Nasby. So had been out there lecturing. For twenty-five years afterward no critic could furnish a description of me without fetching in Nasby to help out my portrait.

I knew Nasby well, and he was a good fellow, but in my life I have not felt malignant enough about any more than three persons to charge those persons with resembling Nasby. It hurts me to the heart. I was always handsome. Anybody but a critic could have seen it. And it had long been a distress to my family—including Nasby—that the critics should go on making this wearisome mistake year after year when there was no foundation for it.

Even when a critic wanted to be particularly friendly and complimentary to me he didn't dare to go beyond my clothes. He never ventured beyond that old safe frontier. When he had finished with my clothes he had said all the kind things, the pleasant things, the complimentary things he could risk. Then he dropped back on Nasby. —Mark Twain in North American Review.

Trouble Ahead for Johnny.

"George," said Mrs. Ferguson anxiously as she straightened the bed clothes over her sleeping boy, "what makes Johnny's fingers so yellow? Does jaundice ever attack anybody that way?"

"No, Laura," answered Mr. Ferguson. "It isn't jaundice. It's worse than that—but it will yield to proper treatment. I'll apply the treatment to-morrow morning."

The Only Enjoyable Way.

Rounder—I was at the hop last night.

Knox—So I heard. Miss Pechis was telling me how she enjoyed the dance she gave you.

Rounder—Why, I only had one with her, and she insisted upon sitting that out.

Knox—Yes, so she told me.—Philadelphia Press.

Bashful Attendants.

The man from Arizona was taking his first view of Central Park and its environs. One thing seemed to rouse in him mingled interest and scorn. It was the sight of four or five young women on horseback, each followed at a respectful distance by a groom.

"Those fellows must be a bashful lot," said the man from Arizona, contemptuously, as a fifth young woman passed by, her attendant groom well in the rear. "I don't blame the girls for not throwing 'em so much as a look over the shoulder. I wouldn't in their place."

"There goes another couple with as much as eight rods between," he added, after a moment's silence. "I tell you, they ought to see the way we do it out in Arizona! We may be behind in some things, but I never saw a fellow out there that hadn't got spunk enough to ride up abreast of his girl when he'd had grit to invite her out."

A Big Household.

The missionary was at once pale and yellow—pale, he explained, from an avoidance of the deadly Indian sun, yellow from a disordered liver.

"Nevertheless," he said gayly, "India for me first, last and all the time. On the money you and your family are paying at this hotel do you know how you would live in India?"

He lighted a cigarette and resumed: "You would like in a beautiful house set in a lovely garden, with a list of servants that would include a khansamah, or butler; a khitmutgar, or table servant; a chokra, or page; a mus-salchee, or light bearer; a mug, or cook; two syces, or grooms; a bhoostee, or water carrier; a saniah, or house cooly; a mollah, or gardener; a dholab, or washerman; a durzee, or private tailor; an ayah, or nurse; a sirdah, or valet; a farrash bearer, or lamp man; three punkah coolies to work the fans; a durman, or lodge porter; a jamadar, or footman, and several chuprassies, or messengers."

Not After Mamma's Way.

Mrs. Enpeck—I'm afraid my daughter is not as happy since her marriage as she might be.

Mrs. Neighbors—Has she instructed as much?

Mrs. Enpeck—Oh, no; but I have seen her husband on the street every day for a week, and he walks along as independent as ever. He doesn't look a bit subdued.

An Old Proverb.

The proverb, "Necessity is the mother of invention," can hardly be traced to one independent source. The idea was expressed by Persius, the Roman satirist, about 60 A. D., and is repeated in Frank's "Northern Manners" various times in London in the 17th century.

Babel in Mexico.

After answering the telephone and talking Spanish into it without apparently getting results, a man picked up the receiver and remarked:

"My Spanish isn't the best in the world, I know, but I should think a man would know how to talk at least. The fellow just talking to me over the phone couldn't talk enough Spanish to order a meal, and to save me I couldn't make him understand, although I know I used correct language. While he was talking an American rushed into the hotel and up to the desk. 'Say,' he said, 'can't anyone here talk English. I just tried to telephone here and the idiot trying to talk Spanish over the phone knows mighty little about the language.'"

"I was talking to you," said the clerk.

When apologies were made the conversation continued in English.—Mexican Herald.

The Corporal's Logic.

"Such reasoning," said General F. D. Grant, in a military argument, "reminds me of the reasoning of old Corporal Sandhurst."

"Corporal Sandhurst was one day drilling a bunch of raw recruits.

"Why is it," he said, to a bright-looking chap, "that the blade of your sabre is curved instead of straight?"

"The blade is curved," the recruit answered, "in order to give more force to the blow."

"Nonsense," said the corporal. "The blade is curved to fit the scabbard. If it was straight, how would you get it into the curved scabbard, you idiot?" —Washington Star.

Confirming the Popular Impression.

"Minnie," said the young man, whose heart was thumping violently, "do you know that everybody says—says—that we are engaged?"

"I suppose, Harold," she answered, "everybody thinks that—that we ought to be by this time."

After that it wasn't long until everybody knew it.

Vala Regret.

"But, Bertie," said his mother, "you asked for two cakes and I gave them to you. Aren't you satisfied?"

"No, I ain't," growled Bertie. "You was so easy I'm kickin' myself 'cause I didn't ask for four." —Philadelphia Ledger.

Seeing Benetia the Surface.

"But can you explain why the strikers refrained from doing you any injury?" asked the reporter.

"At that moment," replied the strikers, "they discovered that I was wearing a union suit." —Lippincott's Magazine.

The grape culture in France gives employment to over two million people.

Violin Village.

There is a little town named Mark-neukirchen, in Saxony, where nearly every inhabitant is engaged in the manufacture of violins.

The industry gives employment to nearly 15,000 people, who live in Markneukirchen and the surrounding villages. The old men make the ebony fingerboards, screws and stringholders, and the younger ones, with strong, steady hands and clear eyes, put the pieces together, which is the most difficult performance of all. The women attain marvelous skill in polishing the violin after it is fitted up, and almost every family has its peculiar method of polishing, which is handed down from mother to daughter—some excelling in a deep wine color, others in elson or orange color. The more expensive violins are polished from twenty to thirty times before they are considered perfect and ready for use.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Worry Habit.

It is strange how we borrow trouble. From the first day that we speak a place at school until the doctor shakes his head and asks us if we've got our wits made, we are dreading something. If nothing else we worry about our neighbors having more than we've got. The fellow courting worries because he is afraid his gal won't say yes, and when he's got her he worries because it costs so much to keep her. We worry ourselves old and wrinkled and gray, and more than all this world worry about the next. If there is anything I like it is a person with a cheerful nature, that won't worry and borrow trouble.

First Impressions.

The pilgrims had landed at Plymouth Rock.

"The agricultural outlook is billions," they said, "but for the study of geology there isn't a place on the whole blooming coast that can hold a candle to it."

Hereafter they began collecting rocks, and their thrifty descendants have continued to do the same, even unto the present day.

That Shaggy Street.

Visitor (at flower stand): What sort of poetry is this?

Exhibitor: That is a John Alexander Macle chrysanthemum.

Visitor (passing out): I've no use for it. I thought maybe it was a Paderewski.

The Cheerful View.

Her—But, Herbert, dear, do you think we can afford to go to housekeeping on your salary?

Him—Sure. After we're married, you know, I won't have to buy you any more flowers, chocolate creams, or theater tickets.

Hadn't Lost Much.

"Why do you look so worried?" "I have swallowed a pin."

Overl, good gracious; they're two papers for a nickel! —Houston Post.

O, Ye Tears!

The president of one of the well-known colleges tells this story of one of his professors of chemistry.

"It seems that the professor and his wife had not agreed upon some domestic question, the professor asserting that his means would not warrant the expense involved. His wife had used all her powers of persuasion without avail and at last resorted to the final feminine expedient—a flood of tears. At this the professor picked up his hat, but paused to remark:

"You might save yourself the trouble of that, my dear; your tears have absolutely no effect upon me. Why should they, being nothing but common water with a very small percentage of phosphorus salts and a trace of chloride of sodium?" —Harper's Weekly.

Two Birds with One Stone.

"Is Dr. J. Millington Thompson, the throat specialist, in the audience?" asked one of the ushers, just after the curtain had gone down on the second act.

"Yes," answered a little man in the fourth row, rising to his feet.

"Your house is on fire," said the usher. "I suppose I'll have to go and see about it," said Dr. Thompson, "but I have no uneasiness about the house. It's insured in the Quickstep Fire and Tornado Indemnity Company, the best in the country."

Stepping out into the aisle, he moved with serene and leisurely dignity toward the door, the observed of all observers.

High Position.

Kind Lady: Now that you have been loafing so long, why don't you get down to work?

Gritty George—I can't get down to work, mum.

Kind Lady: Why not?

Gritty George: Because I will have to get up to work. I am a sleepy climber.

Clearly Recognized.

"Now, my friends," said the candidate, making another effort to cause the enthusiasm of his hearers, "what do we need in order to carry this county by the biggest majority in its history?"

The response was immediate and enthusiastic.

"Another candidate?" yelled the audience as one man.

Bankers.

Church—A man recently paid \$20,000 for a seat in the New York Stock Exchange.

Graham—And did he get it?

"O, yes, he got it."

"That's all right, then. I'll bet I've paid more than that in my lifetime for seats in the street cars that I never got."

—Yonkers Statesman.

One Good Feature of the Cuisine.

"There is one thing about your hotel table that is not surpassed, even at the most palatial London hotel."

"And what is that, sir?" asked the landlord, eagerly.

"The salt!" —Modern Society.

Gibson's Definition of "Lady."

"I dined with Charles Dana Gibson at Princess' restaurant in London during the season," said a Chicagoan to a Philadelphia Bulletin writer.

"The lofty, spacious dining room was filled with women in pale gowns, their hair uncovered and their arms and necks bare, and though these women were fashionable and aristocratic they smoked cigarettes with their coffee as they watched the bioscope pictures that went on at one end of the big room, and as they listened to the singing that went on at the other.

"Amid all this feminine smoking we Americans began to discuss and to define the word 'lady.' Was it ladylike to smoke? We asked. Would a lady ever smoke? What was a lady?"

"I think Mr. Gibson's definition of a lady was the best that was given."

"A lady," he said, ignoring the smoke question altogether, "is a woman who always remembers others and never forgets herself!"

Dog, Not Dogmas.

A Baltimore man tells of attending a church on one occasion when the minister delivered a sermon of but ten minutes' duration—a most unusual thing for him.

"Upon the conclusion of his remarks, the minister had added: 'I regret to inform you, brethren, that my dog, who appears to be peculiarly fond of paper, this morning ate that portion of my sermon that I have not delivered.'"

After the service, the clergyman was met at the door by a man who, as a rule, attended divine service in another parish. Shaking the good man by the hand, he said:

"Doctor, I should like to know whether that dog of yours has any pups. If so, I want to get one to give to my minister." —Harper's Weekly.

Give Me thy Aching—Jon, D., Jr.

A certain Providence tailor is in the habit of afflicting student trade by the information that "John D., Jr.," was wont to have his person draped at that particular establishment. "This wretched of the shears never wearies of telling the characteristics of his richest patron. It seems that besides sharing with other well known men the reputation of being a shudder for extreme punctuality, the young Rockefeller practiced great frugality. He never bought goods that were expensive or very cheap, but would select material with a view only to its durability.

"Then," says the tailor, "after the garments had been ordered he would never fail to lean over and whisper confidentially: 'Now, Mr. Blank, please don't forget to slip into the pockets a couple of patches for the trousers.'"

—New York Sun.

Hose-Arms and Other Tunes.

She—Do you play on the piano?

He—Occasionally. I am a fireman.—Boston Transcript.

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Our New Year's Greeting.

The year 1906 has been one of general prosperity all over the United States, and particularly in Southern California. There have been few failures in business and none serious in any part of the state. Crops have been larger than for years and higher prices have prevailed. Country and towns alike have improved. Between here and Los Angeles new buildings can be seen on every side from the car windows, as you ride through the valley. Schemes for the development, storage and distribution of water have been formed by men of enterprise and ample means. Much new land is being brought under cultivation. Land has appreciated in value in both country and town with hardly an exception. This valley is full of people enjoying our sunny, sunny days, and many are favorably disposed to make their home with us. Covina has never been so prosperous. Several new business houses have been added to our town, and trade has steadily increased, so we have every reason to welcome the New Year as one that promises more than the good year of 1906. The Argus hopes that all have enjoyed a merry Christmas and wishes all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Turning a New Leaf.

Twelve months again have rolled around. The time has come, in brief, when change like me are duty bound to turn a new leaf.

So, meditating thus, I find "The needful that I do, And designate within my mind What habits I shall stop.

I will not "knock"—Let's see—I did tell that gentleman from Nebraska, who was looking at Mr. —'s place with a view of purchasing, that it was poor soil, that I knew of several better places for sale, that the price was too high, etc. Now what's the use? I know there is not a poor piece of property in, or about, Covina; not one transfer, in the last ten years, wherein the owner did not make a profit, then why "knock" my neighbor?

"I will not say the streets are in very bad shape."—Full of chuck holes? I guess the chuck holes have been filled up, I didn't notice any yesterday when riding about the city and after a trip about the country I find our roads in better condition than most other cities where four times the money has been appropriated for street improvement. There are more chuck holes in one of the main streets of a neighboring city than I could find in our whole corporate limits.

"I will stop grumbling about no benefits from incorporation."—There is one benefit that overshadows all the others. A fine public library building and the site, worth \$15,000. How could that have been obtained without incorporation? What would we do with it should we "disincorporate?"

"Blind Pig."—Yes, but when evidence is so abundant that will stand in court to close them, those that have taken the most shot up like oaks.

"I will not cultivate in the middle of the street."—I have just found out that fifteen feet front of my ranch belongs to the county road and my friend, just inside the city limits, has twelve feet of the city's property in his yard. How can we have good streets when those conditions prevail?

I will clean the weeds from my own property and not criticize my neighbor for not doing the same.

I will not throw waste paper in the streets.

I will not throw tin cans, ashes and garbage in the alleys, but have boxes for that purpose, so they can be carted away.

I will lend a hand to remedy faults and stop abusing those that are trying to do some thing.

I will just stop "knocking." Ref. each.



Mrs. Belle Harris was the hostess at a delightful Christmas dinner at the Vendome when she had as her guests Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Harris, Miss Frances E. Hill of Ventura, Mrs. Mattie M. Hopkins, and Miss Beale Hopkins of Los Angeles, Mr. Harry Neil, Clifford Niel and C. H. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Collins are entertaining a merry home party over the holidays at their home on Badillo street. As Mrs. Collins is always so entertaining, a good time is in store for all her guests. Those who are enjoying this delightful hospitality are Miss Collins of Monrovia, a sister of Mr. Collins, Miss Graves of Claremont College, Mr. Philo Graves of Los Angeles and Mr. Frank Hingate, a cousin of Mr. Collins from River side.

One of the prettiest affairs of the holiday time was the beautifully appointed dinner on Tuesday when Mrs. Dana C. King graciously entertained a few of her out of town friends. The table was most effective in its pretty decoration of holly and ferns. In the center stood a bright little Christmas tree resting on an exquisite glass center piece, around which was a wreath of red berries mingling with sprays of delicate ferns. The place cards were dainty water color sketches of Santa Claus. Mr. and Mrs. King's guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Powell, Miss Edith Powell, Mr. Arthur Powell and little Master Powell.

Gleaming lights and holly berries glowed a welcome at the charming holiday dance given in the Woman's Club House on Saturday evening by the Cotillion club. The members of this club are delightful entertainers and the party was one of the pleasantest affairs they have given this season. The large hall was simply but prettily decorated in sprays of the Christmas holly, and the young women in their lovely evening gowns added brilliancy to the scene. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris received the guests at the door, presenting to each as they entered a glass of champagne.

In favor of the evening. About thirty couples, a number of them being out of town guests, enjoyed the club's hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanton will entertain at a family dinner Sunday, Dec. 30. The invited guests are: Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Sanders of Irwindale, R. D. Sanders and wife, W. C. Sanders and family of San Dimas, J. S. Sanders and family of Redlands, J. C. Sanders of Blue Mound, Kan., E. D. Sanders and family of Irwindale, G. M. Sanders and wife of Pomona, Mrs. M. M. Sanders and family of Corona, Joe Amon and family, Harry Amon and wife of Los Angeles, Miss Hannah Amon of Monrovia, W. C. Tyner and family of Anaheim, Lee Tyner, Charles Tyner and family of Imperial, J. W. Sanders, Sam Galloway, Marlon Harris and wife, C. H. Stanton and children, P. E. Stanton and family, Ira Stanton, Minter Stanton, Miss Illie Stanton, H. F. Wilhite and wife of Lodi, L. D. Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Prather, Miss Daisy Rose of Oakwood, Kansas.

A simple but very pretty wedding took place on Christmas day at high noon when Miss Minta Bashor was united in marriage to Mr. Chester Smith, at the home of her parents on Workman avenue, the Rev. Mr. Gage, pastor of the Baptist church officiating, the pretty ring service being used. The house was charmingly decorated, the parlor where the ceremony was performed being in white and green. The bride who is one of Covina's prettiest society girls looked very handsome in her wedding gown of white silk delicately trimmed in soft white lace. She carried a shower of white carnations and maiden hair ferns. The couple were unattended. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Smith led the way to the dining room where a beautifully appointed luncheon was served. The decorations here were in red and green for the Christmas season, red carnations and holly mingled with ferns and smilax made the room most effective. Immediately after luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Smith departed in an automobile for Hollywood, their future home.

The bride looked extremely pretty in her going away gown of soft gray plaid, with a becoming hat to match. Only relatives and the most intimate friends of the young couple were present at the wedding.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hemstead, near Charter Oak, was the scene of a brilliant wedding on Christmas day, when their pretty daughter, Miss Almee, became the bride of Mr. Arthur F. Spooner of Los Angeles. The house had been converted into a fairyland of blossoms and foliage, Christmas holly being used in profusion in all the rooms. The large windows in the living room where the ceremony took place were banked with choice white carnations and orange blossoms, forming a beautiful setting for the young couple while the Rev. Mr. Seaman read the impressive marriage service. As Miss Katherine Spooner, a sister of the groom, played the bridal march from Lohengrin the bridal party entered the room. Little Eleanor Gray Curtis, a niece of the bride, led the way, most daintily dressed and bearing the wedding ring. The bride, who is an exceedingly handsome girl, followed, looking beautiful in an exquisite gown of white organza and Valenciennes lace. On her hair she wore a coronet of orange blossoms and carried a shower of brides roses and maiden hair ferns. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Spooner led the way to the spacious dining room where a buffet luncheon was enjoyed by about thirty relatives and intimate friends of the young couple. The wedding gifts were numerous and costly and will entirely furnish the attractive home which Mr. Spooner has prepared on Santa street, Los Angeles, for his bride. Mrs. Spooner has but recently come to the country from Los Angeles, but by her sweet ways and charming personality has won many friends who are sorry to see her make her home elsewhere. Mr. Spooner is very prominent in business circles in Los Angeles and is popular socially. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Spooner left amid a shower of rice and good wishes for their new home in Los Angeles.

The Christmas season was emphasized in all the decorations at the pretty wedding of Miss Laura Freeman and Mr. Arthur Martin, which occurred on Monday at noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleet on Cottage Drive.

From doorways and chandeliers hung pretty red holly berries caught with bows of scarlet ribbon, while glossy green leaves and clusters of pure white roses were artistically arranged about the rooms. In one corner of the parlor fernlike pepper leaves formed a graceful canopy for the bride and groom, while the impressive ceremony was read by the Rev. Mr. Fletcher of the Episcopal Church. Miss Maude Donahy played the beautiful "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin as the couple entered the room and took their places before the minister. Mr. Van Vleet gave the bride into the groom's keeping. There were no attendants. The bride never looked so pretty as in her wedding gown of soft white silk mull trimmed elaborately in real lace, and carrying a shower bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair ferns. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Martin left on the afternoon train for their future home in Fallbrook. Mrs. Martin wore a pretty going away gown of light gray silk with a long coat to match and a large black picture hat. The out of town guests were Mrs. Martin and Miss Emily Martin of Fallbrook, mother and sister of the groom, Mrs. Mogg of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crabb of Pomona.

The Christmas Masquerade which Messrs. Fairly Stevens, Middaugh and Sturgill gave in Coolman Hall on Tuesday night was a decided social success, but the fact that the party was on Christmas night evidently caused many to remain away who usually attend these dances. The floor was in perfect condition, while the Scheneman-Blauchard orchestra furnished excellent music. A number of pretty and original costumes were worn. The sailor girl and boy attracted considerable attention from the spectators, while the clowns kept the dancers in constant good humor. At ten o'clock the masks were removed. Miss Zetta Crouse won the prize for the best dancer, and Mr. Chester Fairly was awarded the prize for the most original costume.

Mrs. H. M. Houser entertained with a jolly Christmas dinner Tuesday when she had as her guests, Mrs. M. Henskovits and daughters, the Misses Margaret, Gazella and Irene, of Los Angeles.

Miss Emma Overholtezer entertained a number of friends on Christmas day. Her guests were: Mrs. Minnie Everett and little daughter Helen, of Chicago, Miss Christine Payson and Mr. Menno Mobler of Los Angeles. On Thursday and Friday Mr. L. L. Brennerman of Los Angeles was also her guest.

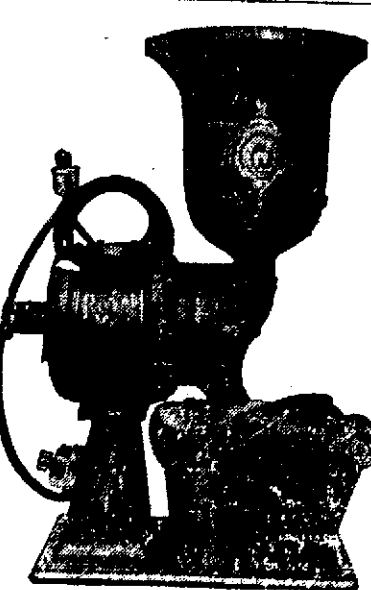
One of the delightful Christmas dinners given Tuesday was the one at which Mrs. P. O. Bashore was hostess at her hospitable home on Double avenue. Mrs. Bashore's guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Overholtzer, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Overholtzer, Mr. and Mrs. B. Howe of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. James Perry.

Mrs. I. I. Cook entertained with a charming dinner party at the Vendome on Christmas day, her guests being Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Clapp, Mrs. H. M. Faulder, Mrs. H. F. Cook, Miss Mary Cook, Miss Kirk, Miss Vyvienne Faulder, Miss Abbie Cook, Miss Hastings and Mr. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Griswold entertained with a jolly old fashioned Christmas tree on Monday evening, the honoree being a little nephew of Mrs. Griswold from Long Beach who is spending his holidays with her. The tree was a glow with Christmas tapers and laden with all sorts of gifts for a small boy, and even some for grown up folks too. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold's guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson of Long Beach, Mrs. L. M. Wilson of San Gabriel and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Griswold.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins entertained at a merry little dinner on Christmas day when they had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Collins of Rivera. The color scheme of red and green was carried out in the table decorations, bright red berries and green ferns being beautifully arranged in a wreath in the center of which stood a gay little Christmas tree, and at each place a dainty name card in red and green lay. After dinner Mr. and Mrs. Collins and their guests enjoyed an automobile ride in the country.

Mrs. Sherwood was the hostess at a Christmas tree at her home on Monday afternoon for little people. The tree was exceptionally pretty in its gay trimmings and laden as it was with toys and candy for all the little boys and girls who were the guests of honor. After old Santa Claus had disappeared the children were taken to the home of Mrs. Ross Clark where they were served with tea and spent the rest of the happy afternoon in playing games.



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The public schools will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Hot coffee free Monday at E. A. Rich's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shutt visited over Sunday with Pomona friends.

Willow wood for sale. Apply to I. Kaufman & Son, El Monte, if.

A. C. Custer of Berkeley arrived unexpectedly on Monday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Company.

Walter Finch of Santa Ana was the guest Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Finch.

Mrs. A. R. Evans has returned from Long Beach where she has been a month as the guest of friends.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Co.

Mrs. Shultz and daughter Miss Loretta spent Christmas with friends in Pomona.

Mrs. W. C. Doughty and family spent Sunday with relatives in Pomona.

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Fresh oysters, 20c a dozen at Crenshaw's, every Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitsel and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Whitsel's mother, Mrs. Job Osborn of Whittier.

L. L. Rutekita and family, Mrs. E. H. Lemon and Miss Bertha Lemon spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rutekita.

For Sale:—150 Home-made, cheap to party taking all of them. Miss Beville, corner Hollenbeck and W. Paces.

F. M. Upstill of Los Angeles, local engineer for the Owens River, spent Christmas as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. McAllen.

For Sale or Exchange—A fine restaurant in East Los Angeles, near two car lines. Has fine soda fountain and everything in good shape. See N. D. Mussey, Covina.

The Christmas music which was so well rendered at the services at Holy Trinity Church Christmas morning will be repeated on next Sunday evening.

Students of the University of California who are spending their Christmas vacation at home are Messrs. Alfred and Jack Fletcher, Merton Elliott and Clayton Shipway.

Mrs. Widney and daughter, Miss Marie and Miss Josephine Widney, have returned from Los Angeles, where they spent Christmas with relatives and are again settled at the Vendome.

Senator Buller and wife of Hally, Idaho, who have been spending the Christmas holidays with their son, Chas. Buller, at the Vendome, left Thursday for their home. While there Mr. Buller invested in considerable property and expects to return soon on an extensive visit.

Among the week's arrivals at Hotel Vendome are Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bailey and family from Pasadena, J. S. Lightholder of Los Angeles, W. S. Hill of Glendora, E. S. Richards and C. W. Everett of Los Angeles, B. K. Hazeltine and wife of Pomona.

On Christmas afternoon the Covina high school baseball team defeated a nine picked from the young men of town by a score of 14 to 8. The game was very interesting from start to finish and a better one is promised for New Year's day by the same teams. The game was played on the high school campus and was largely attended.

A 1907 Diary, Memorandum and Account Book for Two Cents—C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Lawyers of Washington, D. C., have now ready their Diary and Memorandum book for 1907, which they will send on receipt of postage 2 cents. This little book is useful. Nowhere else that we know of so much to be had for so little.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe spent Christmas day at the home of their parents in Los Angeles.

"Top Notch" bread, made with milk. It is good to eat. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Guy Fairly of San Francisco spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Fairly. He returned to San Francisco Wednesday.

100 sacks of wheat. We will sell at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. while it lasts. This is a soap. San Gabriel Valley Milling Co.

Mrs. Crabtree and Miss Crabtree of South Pasadena have been spending the Christmas holidays with Rev. and Mrs. Conley at their home on College street. Miss Crabtree returned yesterday.

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Mr. Fred Perry of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lena Wheeland of Seattle are spending several days visiting with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Perry of San Bernardino road.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Collins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shepardson of Los Angeles, later going to Ontario to take Christmas dinner with Mr. Collins' sister, and making a short visit to Riverside where they were the guests of Mr. Collins' brother.

AGENTS WANTED:—Peoples Mutual Life Insurance Association and League, of Syracuse, N. Y., want male and female agents in every place in Southern California. W. P. Cook, District Manager, 1432 F. St., San Diego; 215 Mercantile Place, Los Angeles. 1tp.

B. F. Thorpe has finished a very neat job of cement work for E. E. Pollard at his ranch home near Glendora. The ornamental pillars in front of the house are of Mr. Thorpe's design and are among the best specimens of the cement worker's art seen in this vicinity.

The State University of Berkeley is to hold a series of short courses in agriculture for practical farmers early in January. Mr. Ben F. Thorpe, president of the Covina Farmer's Club has been requested to give public announcement of same and full particulars will appear in our next issue. The dates are from January 7 to 12th and the meetings will be in Los Angeles.

Christmas is a great time to even up. Many people who never have anything happen to them to bring very much good cheer into their lives receive presents at Christmas time and forget much of the hardness and parsimony that is characteristic of the rest of the year.

Who knows but this is the thing that keeps us all from growing harder and harder and being driven eventually to despair. If Christmas had no historic foundation. If there was no virtue in the Christchild and no efficacy in His teachings; if all else were taken away from us of mass and it still retained its season, bringing good cheer to one of life's greatest blessings.

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Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the 22 day of October, 1906, an assessment, (No. 5), of 30 cents (\$30) per share was levied on the capital stock of the above named corporation, at the secretary's office at Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 2nd day of January, 1907, shall be delinquent and advertised for public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 1st day of February, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

C. D. LEECH, Secretary.

Annual Stockholders Meeting. Office of the Covina Irrigating Company.

To the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company: Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company will be held at the office of the corporation in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, A. D., 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary. Dated Dec. 22, 1906.

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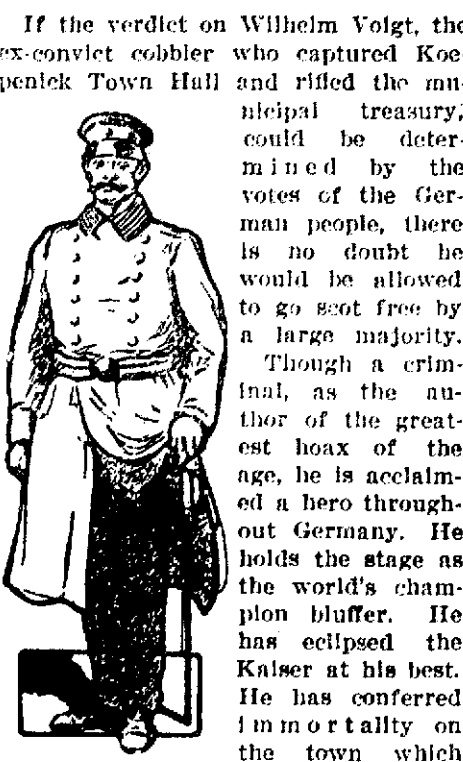
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Voigt fully realizes the fame that he has achieved, and not even the prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison lessens his satisfaction. When the idea of his coup first came to him Voigt frequented music halls and other places where military officers resort that he might study them and their ways. The deference with which he observed they were everywhere treated soon convinced him that the uniform counted for vastly more than the man inside of it. He had first thought of raiding one of the Berlin municipalities, but came to the conclusion that in a place where there are so many officers about the risk was a little too great. Then he selected Koepenick, a thriving city of 75,000 inhabitants on the outskirts of the capital, for his exploit.

received the idea of effecting a coup which he fondly hoped would bring him enough money to enable him to live without any more work, either honest or dishonest, and wed an old sweet-heart. That the hoary slinger has some good stuff in him which has survived a score of years spent in jail is shown by the fact, attested by the old folk in whose house he was lodging when caught, that he nursed there, with touching devotion, a young girl who was dying of consumption.

DIFFERENCES OF DIARISTS.

How Two Public Men Differed in Estimate of Bismarck.

Public men who keep diaries should either see that they are destroyed while there is yet time, or get together frequently to compare notes and agree in their versions of incidents, says the Boston Transcript. Either course would save the historian of the future a world of trouble, the nature of which is indicated by the sharp differences between the late Prince Hohenlohe's explanation of Bismarck's policy and that recorded by Crispien. The former, who was one of Bismarck's successors as German chancellor, wrote in his diary, on the authority of the grand duke of Baden, uncle of the kaiser, that the imperial distrust of Bismarck was based on a suspicion that he was secretly favoring Russia and plotting to undermine the triple alliance. Crispien, the Italian premier, left a diary, extracts from which the nephew has printed in facsimile to demonstrate that Bismarck was a zealous supporter, not only officially but personally, of the alliance. Crispien wrote while Bismarck's words were fresh in his memory. Bismarck explained that he had endeavored to live in friendship with Russia, but had failed, and urged that in extension of the dreadband there should be a "grouping" of Austria, Italy and England. Whether we should accept the grand duke's statement, presumably based on the confidences of his nephew, or that of Crispien, in estimating Bismarck, is a puzzle that promises to be prolific of literature.

Bismarck is still an idol with a large proportion of the Germans, who, however, may be deferential enough to the kaiser to moderate the terms of their defense. Those who have studied him in "a neutral atmosphere" may reconcile the differences between diarists by saying that Bismarck talked one way with one man, and the opposite with another, and that he was pulling wool over Crispien's eyes as he had pulled it over those of Napoleon III. Bismarck was a lion with a great many fox traits in his make-up. Letters and diaries are of great value to the historian, but their product is often small as compared with the amount of labor necessary to reconcile contradictions and extract the residuum of fact. Without them many historical incidents would be cloudy, and it cannot have escaped detection that some of the richest finds have been made in letters which their writers solemnly pledged the recipients to destroy. One of the most luminous documents in the Prussian correspondence was a P. S. reading "Burn this letter."

IS MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN ENGLAND.



This is Lady Beatrice Pole-Carew, the woman to whom King Edward has awarded the palm of beauty of his realm. He recently referred to her as "England's handsomest woman," and that title is expected to cling to her for many years. Lady Beatrice is the wife of General Pole-Carew and daughter of the Marquess of Ormonde.

Now an Anti-Expansionist.

A Virginia mountaineer, who had strayed to Richmond on an excursion, and who, as his holiday progressed, became rather hilarious, grew overconfident of his own greatness.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I kin lick any man in Richmond."

No one tried to dispute the assertion, and he tried again.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I kin lick any man in the whole State of Virginia."

The words were hardly out of his mouth before a tall, sluey man from his own part of the State entered the room and gave the boaster a good thrashing.

The mountaineer had a sense of humor. He slowly picked himself and faced the group to which he had boasted.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I am now ready to acknowledge that I kivered too much territory in that last statement."

Penalty!

Redd—I see in Germany the motor's chief chauffeur must mow through life under the imposing title of "oberhofwagengefuehrer."

Greene—What's the matter? Had he been speeding?—Yonkers Statesman.

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"I certainly do."

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"Well, then," she rejoined, with a sigh of resignation, "I suppose I'll have to compromise on \$50,000."—Chicago Tribune.

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Mrs. Ellen Elliott, of Rockdale, Pa., is the possessor of a freak chicken. The fowl is half chicken, half owl, and shows little signs of life, except at night, when it makes a peculiar, incessant howl. It has the owl's curved head and hooked beak; also the large, staring eyes. When the chick walks its feet overlap each other, as if walking a chalk line.

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First Murderer (tearing his hair)—I shall go mad!
Second Murderer—What's the matter, old man?
First Murderer—Matter? Matter enough. I've no show of being acquitted unless I'm proved insane, and here the prosecution has gone and retained all the alienists whose testimony will have any weight.
Second Murderer—Well, if that's so, what's the use of going mad?—Puck.

HOLD UP! and consider



Ready for Business.
She had called to consult a fashionable physician who was famous for his way-up prices.

"Pardon me, doctor," she began, "but do you—er—take anything off for cash?"
"Certainly, madam," replied the M. D.
"What would you like taken off—a hand or a foot?"

I'd Like to Know.
"These modern novelists are certainly a half-brained set," said Mrs. Jefferson Judd.

"What now?" mildly inquired Mr. Judd.
"Why, I've read a dozen of 'em where it is said of the hero, 'He smoked his cigarette doggedly,' and who ever heard of a dog smoking? Those pesky, stinking cigarettes?"—Kansas City Star.

A GREAT OUTSIDE REMEDY.
Most pains are of local origin—a "crick" in the back, a twinge of rheumatism, a soreness all over arising from a cold—are all cured by outside applications. The quickest, safest and most certain method is Allcock's Plaster, known the world over as a universal remedy for pain. They never fail, they act promptly, they are clean and cheap. You can go right ahead with your work while the healing process goes on. Sixty years' use has given them a great reputation.

Perjures Herself to Shield Man.
In an effort to save her brother-in-law, H. A. Driggers, from jail, Mrs. Jane Hawkins, of Houston County, Ala., swore before the United States Commissioner at Troy that she owned and operated a moonshine still captured from Driggers and others. Her statement availed nothing, as the man was adjudged guilty.

The still was captured in a remote section of the State after a hard ride, and the woman insisted on taking the long journey for the trial. She did everything she could to shift the blame from the man, but failed.

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OLD BOOK PROVES VALUABLE.

Sacred Burmese Work of Centuries Ago Was Soldier's Loot.

In the possession of E. J. Oxley, of Fergus Falls, Minn., city, is a Burmese book of exceeding value, says the New York World. It is about eighteen inches in length, and the leaves are two and a half inches in width and much thicker than ordinary paper. Fastened together they make a volume about five inches thick. The leaves are sections of palm leaf, paper being unknown until centuries after this particular book was made, and the characters are delicately cut into the leaves, so that there is no such thing as fading.

The book was given Mr. Oxley by Sergeant Fred Stokes, of the English army, who took it from a Burmese temple in the English-Burma war of twenty-five years ago. Mr. Oxley, who is himself an Englishman, had occasion to visit his native land, and Sergeant Stokes made him a present of the book as he was returning to America.

The sergeant had taken a small Burmese god from the same temple, and the temple and village were then burned by the soldiers. Neither he nor Mr. Oxley regarded the book as anything more than an ordinary curiosity at the time the present was made.

The first intimation that Mr. Oxley had as to its real value was given him by a Burmese lecturer to whom he showed it a few months ago. The man, on seeing it, blurted out the owner that he never came by any such book as that; that it could not be held as private property in Burma, and that it was kept sacred and never handled except by the higher orders of the priesthood. He stated that it had taken one man a lifetime to carve the curious characters, and that the book was at least 6,000 years old. He offered Mr. Oxley \$200 for it, but he had already told him too much about it and the offer was promptly declined. He then offered \$400 and this offer was also declined.

The lecturer, before leaving town, told some friends that the book would sell for several thousand dollars if it were offered to the right person. Local ministers and others have had some of the leaves photographed and are sending them to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and to Eastern scholars with a view of having them translated. The lecturer, who wished to purchase the book, stated that it was the only one of its kind in America, and probably the only copy of that particular section of what may be termed the Burmese scriptures, in existence.

ORPHEUM.

The program for the coming week at the Orpheum is headed by the well-known comedy pair, John Hyams and Helen McIntyre, in a clever sketch, entitled, "The Three Leagues." Where they got them and where they do with such a multiplicity of blowings is a problem whose solution furnishes many hearty laughs. Hoofers and Palfreys, comedians, use the bicycle as a medium for raising the laughs. They are eminently successful in doing this, and at the same time demonstrate great skill in handling the silent steed. Julius Steger and Company, in their artistic musical dramatic playlet, "The Fifth Commandment," remain another week. The reception given them this week places it beyond comparison with any act of similar character that has ever been produced here. Katharine Nugent in her clever imitations completely won this week's audiences, and will repeat her success next week. Chas. Serra, equilibrist, the Three Leagues, and Mlle. Dzira will also be seen again.

The Orpheum Road Show, the big event of the year in vaudeville, is promised for the week of January 7th.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Buster Brown, with Tige, Mary Jane, father, mother, grandma and all the other familiar friends of the Sunday supplement, and then some, comes to the Grand Opera House for the week commencing Sunday, December 30th. Last year it was found necessary to give extra matinees to accommodate the crowds that were determined to see and hear Buster, and the play is bigger and better this year than last. With forty people in the cast, including Tige, and more pretty girls than ever appeared in any musical comedy before in Los Angeles, there ought to be amusement for the grown-ups as well as the youngsters, and children should not fail to bring their parents to this greatest of all musical comedies.

Red in the French Uniform.

Once more there is a demand in France for the invention of some more martial uniform than the baggy red pantaloons of the Infantry soldier. In his autobiography Sir Henry Moscoe mentions the fact that the red color of these breeches was the result of an official desire artificially to foster the cultivation of the madder plant in France.

But madder has been superseded by coal tar dyes, the madder industry is in a bad way, and the pantaloons are colored with artificial dyes from Germany. Another memorial of the ruinous displacements wrought by coal tar dyes is the cactus that was so freely planted in the Canary Islands to support the cochineal insect. The insect is out of date, but the cactus remains, in place of more profitable crops.—New York Globe.

That's So.

"An Italian chemist who is 75 years of age and expects to be 150 months," secret of longevity is to bathe.

"I guess so."

"But look at the American who never bathes and he never dies except when a train runs over him."—Houston Post.

What Cigar Terms Mean.

Of every hundred men who profess anxiety for the quality of their cigars owing to the Cuban rebellion, scarcely one could, if put to it, interpret the meaning of the various words which are stamped on the lid and sides of a cigar box. These are not mere fancy names, but terms actually descriptive of the cigar. On the lid is the name of the cigar, as Pedro Marías, Villa y Villa. The front of the box describes the shape and size, as Conchas, Reina, Regallas, which state the shape, and Perfecto Infantes, Princesses, which signify the size. These may be combined as Conchas Speciales, Conchas Finas, to state both shape and size.

At the back of the box, where the lid turns over, is stamped the quality of the cigar—Superfina, Fina, Flor, Superior and Buena, being the terms in the descending scale. The color of the cigar is declared on the right-hand side or end of the box. Claro signifies the lightest colored, Colorado Claro rather darker, Colorado dark, Colorado Maduro darker, Maduro very dark, Oscuro extremely dark, Negro darkest.—London Chronicle.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

ANNUAL RECORDS OF FIRES.

New York Has 8,700, Chicago 4,100—Number in United States.

Fire, as a servant, is necessary to the life of man, but when it escapes from its captivity and obtains the upper hand it more than avenges itself upon its sometimes puny master. In this respect Americans are especially unfortunate. Old World cities have been building their houses of stone for many centuries.

In the United States, however, it has been the custom to put up whole blocks of wooden structures in the smaller cities and towns. Now buildings of stone and steel are taking the place of the old fire-traps and in the larger cities the danger from fire is being materially reduced. Still, when one glances over the following figures which we quote from the Fireproof Magazine, it will be seen that the annual loss from fires may well be regarded as appalling.

"New York averages 8,700 fires a year; while Chicago nearly equals it, in proportion to her population, with 4,100.

"The average record in this country is three theaters, three public halls, twelve churches, ten schools, two hospitals, two asylums, two colleges, six apartment houses, three department stores, two jails, twenty-six hotels, 140 flats, and nearly 1,000 homes burned up every week in the year.

"We indulged in 45,000 fires last year, some of them wiping out many buildings. We are now gambling, and Americans, and seem placidly to take our chances on fire, believing, in all probability, that those chances are somewhat remote.

"As a matter of fact, however, the country over, each family has just one chance in sixty of being burned out some time during the year; not a very long shot, after all."

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Big Gun Gone Wrong.

The biggest gun in the world, and which, as might be expected, was invented and built in Great Britain, has definitely been declared unsafe, and will go to the scrap heap. As only one of these mammoths was built, and that as an experiment, the loss is comparatively small, even though it is about \$100,000. This gun was constructed to shoot a 10-inch projectile a distance of twenty-one miles, even though it would be impossible ever to hit a mark at such range. The big gun was found to be unsafe after a few firings, and really was as dangerous to our own folks as it was expected to be to an enemy. Twelve-inch guns are likely to be the limit for a long time, and certainly until some gun metal not now known is discovered.—Popular Mechanics.

Trouble Ahead.

"I see that Vienna sausages must be canned in Vienna and French sardines in France."

"Yes, but there's going to be trouble when they insist that Turkish cigarettes must be made in Turkey."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Each of Germany's eight colonies, except Samoa, receives a subsidy greater than the revenue it yields.

TO CURF A COLD IN ONE DAY.
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Slaves at the Last.

Like Patrick Henry, I've always said I'd never be a slave; I'd sooner die for Liberty.

And fill a patriot's grave.

My wife, she, too, has always been for Liberty's bell.

The very best brand at that.

This point sure's particular.

I would recall when we were wed; I would she obey? Not she!

No such vows she would ever make in this age of Liberty.

Times change! For now, alas, I find no longer an us free; We're both ruled by a tyrant—us—His age is "coming three"—Bohemian Magazine.

POWER OF THE NAVY.

Nonprofessional Mind Finds It Hard to Realize Strength.

Figures seem essential to convey to the nonprofessional mind an adequate conception of the stupendous power for aggression or for resistance concentrated in twelve battle ships, four armored cruisers, four protected cruisers, four monitors and a dozen torpedo boats and torpedo-boat destroyers, besides submarines and auxiliary craft, says Harper's Weekly. It must here suffice to say that the twelve battle ships alone which were massed off Oyster Bay represented a combined displacement of nearly 154,000 tons; the armored cruisers, almost 55,000 tons; the monitors and protected cruisers, more than 32,000 tons, and the whole fighting fleet, including the torpedo boats and submarines, but excluding auxiliaries, an aggregate displacement of upward of 244,000.

Relatively powerless and insignificant as the torpedo boats may have looked, the truth is that if one of them, the Wilkes, could get near enough to such a floating fort as the battle ship West Virginia and split a torpedo out of her tube in the right direction, \$6,000,000 would go up in the air and 800 men would be food for fishes. We may add, in order to refute some groundless accusations, that the cost of the naval review, imposing as the pageant looked, was negligible. The cost was computed by Rear Admiral Evans at \$300 all told; for, as he pointed out, so long as a ship is in commission, it is just as cheap for her to be at anchor off Oyster Bay as to be steaming across the ocean.

The number of murders per million population is 5.13 in England, 5.45 in Germany, 11.55 in France, 15.42 in Austria, 76.11 in Italy and 44.70 in Spain.

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Are impure matters which the skin, liver, kidneys and other organs cannot take care of without help.

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First Flat Dweller—Those people over there are always kicking on the meals.

Second Ditto—Then why don't they move?

First Flat Dweller—They're the kind that would rather kick than eat.—Detroit Free Press.

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Many a True Word.
When, a few years ago, someone in an idle jest worded an advertisement for a housemaid saying that the advertiser would and could give "references" we all laughed and thought it too funny to be true. But it was prophetic. Recently in the newspaper of a suburban city an advertisement appeared for a cook and a housemaid, and the one in want of the servants added in a manner unmistakably meant to be personal: "Just change in ten years."

That who among us feels like laughing now? Rather it is sobering in its effect upon us, since it tells in one more way a story that is vexing and perplexing thousands of housekeepers in the State.—Boston Transcript.

Unkind.

The Playwright—Didn't I see you in your seat some time after the final curtain fell?

The First Night—Yes, the usher forgot to come around and wake me up.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Much the Same.

"What," queried the romantic maid, "is as sweet as love's young dream?"
"Oh, any other brand of taffy, I imagine," replied the matter-of-fact man.

CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON

NO LIMIT TO ITS POWERS FOR EVIL

Contagious Blood Poison has brought more suffering, misery and humiliation into the world than all other diseases combined; there is hardly any limit to its powers for evil. It is the blackest and vilest of all disorders, wrecking the lives of those unfortunate enough to contract it and often being transmitted to innocent offspring, a blighting legacy of suffering and shame. So highly contagious is the trouble that innocent persons may contract it by using the same table ware, toilet articles or clothing of one in whose blood the treacherous virus has taken root. Not only is it a powerful poison but a very deceptive one. Only those who have learned by bitter experience know by the little sore or ulcer, which usually makes its appearance first, of the suffering which is to follow. It comes in the form of ulcerated mouth and throat, unsightly copper colored spots, swollen glands in the groin, falling hair, offensive sores and ulcers on the body, and in severe cases the finger nails drop off, the bones become diseased, the nervous system is shattered and the sufferer becomes an object of pity to his fellow man. Especially is the treacherous nature of Contagious Blood Poison, shown when the infected person endeavors to combat the poison with mercury and potash. These minerals will drive away all outward symptoms of the troubles for a while, and the victim is deceived into the belief that he is cured. When, however, the treatment is left off he finds that the poison has only been driven deeper into the blood and the disease reappears, and usually in worse form because these strong minerals have not only failed to remove the virus from the blood but have weakened the entire system because of their destructive action. S. S. S. is the only real and certain cure for Contagious Blood Poison. It is made of a combination of healing blood-purifying roots, herbs and barks, the best in Nature's great laboratory of forest and field. We offer a reward of \$1,000 for proof that S. S. S. contains a particle of mineral in any form. S. S. S. goes down to the very bottom of the trouble and by cleansing the blood of every particle of the virus and adding rich, healthful qualities to this vital fluid, forever cures this powerful disorder. So thoroughly does S. S. S. cleanse the circulation that no signs of the disease are ever seen again, and offspring is protected.

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Has to Do It.

"You must believe in special providence," gasped the man in the back seat of the new \$10,000 automobile, as the machine fairly flew along the boulevard. "I do," chuckled the chauffeur. "Don't you see how everything 'turns out' for the best?"—Chicago Tribune.

The Moment Feminine.

"I'll be ready in a minute, dear."
"All right; I'll go down to my office and run over some papers I forgot today while I'm waiting. It will take me only an hour."—Baltimore American.

Stealing a March.

"Hang it all!" exclaimed Mr. Subba, arriving home from the office, "we'll have to call on the Dubleys to-night."
"Why, George, you said you wanted to stay home with me in comfort to-night," exclaimed his wife.

"Yes, but Dubley told Bulkotz he and his wife meant to call on us to-night. We can leave their house earlier than we could make them leave ours."—Philadelphia Press.

The question of alien immigration is now far more serious to London than it ever was in California.

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"I want to know," said the attorney for the plaintiff, who was cross-examining the witness, "just what the defendant said when my client told him he was a bigamist, and that the facts had been found out?"

"He didn't say anything," answered the witness.

"Well, what did he do?"
"He acted kind of hasty."
"I want to know exactly how he acted."
"Want me to show you?"
"Yes."

The witness suddenly reached over, grabbed the attorney by the hair, threw him down on the floor, and proceeded to hammer him.

"This is the way he acted," he said, "all the other fellows interfered. Some of your chaps pull me off, will you?"
It was tough on the lawyer, but it won the case for him.

One Is Enough.

Suburbs—I have only one objection to domesticity as a class.

Flatbush—And what is that?

Suburbs—They are mostly "quitters."

Take No Stock in It.

"Let's see," observed the visitor from abroad, "your most celebrated watering place is Newport, isn't it?"

"No, Wall Street, I guess," was the reply.—Boston Transcript.

Water for Norseman's Horse.

"You never see a horse without a horse in Norway," said a horse doctor. "This is because the horses are allowed to drink while they eat, the same as mankind."

"Our horses, let them be as thirsty as get out, must still eat their dry fodder, their dry hay and oats and corn, with nothing to wash them down. But in Norway every horse has a bucket of water beside his manger, and, as he eats, he drinks also."

"It is interesting to see how the Norwegian horses relish their water with their meals. Now they sip a little from the bucket, now they eat a mouthful, then another sip, then another mouthful, just like rational human beings."

Salute Lights on History.

Cesar had just crossed the Rubicon for the second time. "I may say," he shouted down, "that I have given it the double cross."

This is the origin of the expression. Neroes was indulging the puns at Thermopylae. "Ha!" he muttered, "just like a general passenger agent!"
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